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President Trump called off the peace deal with Iran yesterday after Tehran once again attacked ships in the Strait of Hormuz, saying, "I don't like them at all." The US hit Iran "hard" for a second straight night, following strikes on dozens of other targets.

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Don: Deal with Iran regime 'scum' is 'over,' as US launches fresh strikes

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Bruce raises holy hell

Calls Kat's trans law 'anti-nun'

By CARL CAMPANILE

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman is accusing Democratic incumbent Kathy Hochul of religious bigotry for enforcing a transgender rights law she approved that is forcing Catholic nuns who run a hospice program to choose between their beliefs or caring for indigent, terminally ill patients.

The controversy concerns the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne in Westchester County who run Rosary Hill Home — a Catholic hospice for the poor.

The sisters filed a federal lawsuit accusing the state of violating their constitutional rights with a 2024 law that requires the facility to affirm patients' gender identity in regard to pronouns, room assignments and restroom usage.

The law bars nursing or long-term-care facilities from discriminating against any resident based on the resident's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or HIV status.

But the Trump Justice Department recently intervened in the case on behalf of the Dominican Sisters, claiming New York is engaged in religious discrimination at the 42-bed hospice-care facility.

"What Kathy Hochul is doing to the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne is an absolute disgrace. For over 120 years, these incredible women have done God's work, providing unconditional love, comfort and dignity to people in their final days," Blakeman told The Post.

"They are saints walking among us, and they represent the absolute best of New York. Yet Kathy Hochul is actually willing to shut them down, strip away their license, and throw terminal-cancer patients out on the street — all to enforce her woke garbage."

Blakeman said Hochul, who is Catholic, "would rather leave dying people without care than allow Catholic nuns to practice their faith."

"Forcing these sisters to destroy the privacy of dying women by putting biological men in their rooms is sick, un-American, and a total war on common sense. I am drawing a line in the sand right now: this radical gender nonsense ends the second I become governor. We are going to protect the people who protect our most vulnerable, and we are bringing sanity back to this state."

'Homophobes'

State Attorney General Letitia James, whose office is defending the Hochul administration in court, asked that the case be thrown out and Hochul's name be removed as a defendant.

Hochul campaign surrogates said it was Blakeman who is siding with "homophobes."

"Bruce Blakeman wants to follow Trump's lead to deny elderly LGBTQ+ New Yorkers the care they need when at their most vulnerable," said Manhattan Assemblyman Tony Simone.

"Weaponizing seniors' health to score political points is gross, and joining with homophobes who want to eliminate same-sex marriage in America is despicable. New Yorkers want leaders who unite us, not the extremism of Blakeman," he added.

Ad bashes 'AI Kathy'

PARTMENT
want some crack

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has released a blistering new ad featuring an AI-generated Gov. Hochul being "truthful" about what her re-election would look like, going after his rival on everything from affordability and crime to illegal immigration.

"This is what Kathy Hochul's New York really looks like," Blakeman wrote on X Tuesday in a post accompanying the video, while pledging to cut taxes, restore cash bail and make New York safe and affordable again.

The 60-second spot features a Hochul facsimile walking and talking against the backdrop of various familiar New York locales, boasting about everything from raising taxes to soft-on-crime policies.

"We provided luxury accommodations for illegal migrants in beautiful hotels just like this," the AI-Hochul says from a digitally generated lobby of a hotel where a line of immigrants tote luggage and wait to be served at the front desk.

"And we raised taxes by $8 billion for the programs that matter, like free healthcare for sex workers and lucrative no-bid contracts to the politically connected," she continues, walking through a city park lined with benches occupied by sleeping homeless people. *Chris Nesi*

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Lace is more for 'Lucky' star Anya

Blond bombshell Anya Taylor-Joy's sheer black lace dress fit the European heatwave perfectly in London for Wednesday's photocall for her upcoming Apple TV+ series "Lucky." Taylor-Joy, 30, stars in the show based on Marissa Stapley's 2021 novel with Timothy Olyphant and Annette Bening.

NYC not so bugged by bedbugs

Look what the wind blew in.

Chicago topped the dubious list of US cities with the most bedbug infestations per capita — with the Windy City's dense housing, high resident and traveler turnover and high summer temperatures again creating the perfect breeding ground for mahogany flats.

Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland and Indianapolis rounded out the top five in pest control giant Orkin's "2026 Bedbug Cities List." New York City placed 12th.

The Midwest was dubbed the most bedbug-ridden region in the country — and Ohio ranked the most represented state on this year's list with six cities ranking in the top 50, including Cleveland and Columbus in the top 10.

"Travel season brings excitement, but it also makes awareness especially important," said Dr. Shannon Sked, Orkin's entomologist and national technical director.

"Bedbugs are resilient pests that can be difficult to control once introduced into a home or hotel room, and they are skilled at hiding in cracks, crevices and personal belongings."

Sked recommended a quick inspection of hotels or short-term rentals while traveling, or belongings before unpacking at home.

Bedbugs measure only $^{3}/_{16}$ inches long as adults and are even smaller as nymphs, making them nearly impossible to spot.

Most people don't notice the pests until itchy, red welts appear on their arms and legs.

Bedbugs pierce human skin to feed on blood, and often target humans by easily hitchhiking on luggage.

Daniel Cody

TRAYLOR TRASH'S SWIFT BIZ

'MSG' garbage sells

By CHRIS NESI

An enterprising NYC artist is capitalizing on the hullabaloo around Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's Madison Square Garden wedding by selling small plastic cubes filled with literal garbage to Swiftie fanatics — including cigarette butts, straws and even a discarded ovulation test kit for $25 apiece.

And the trash cubes have already sold out.

Justin Gignac has been gathering refuse from city streets surrounding the World's Most Famous Arena since last week's closed-door ceremony, betting that pop music's most parasocial fans will open their wallets for the privilege of owning their very own piece of Taylor-adjacent trash.

The bizarre gamble has paid off, with Gignac saying he's sold more than 1,300 1-by-1-by-¾-inch litter-stuffed cubes across 30 countries.

Sealed to stop odor

The trash cubes, alternately labeled "New York City Garbage" and "Not Invited Edition (Taylor & Travis' Wedding)," have been flying out the door as fast as he can create them, even at the lofty price tag of $25 plus $10 shipping.

"Each sculpture is carefully arranged and sealed so it won't leak or smell," the online listing assures would-be customers. "And signed by Justin at the bottom."

Gignac put on a tuxedo, armed himself with a litter picker and went around Midtown after the ceremony to collect items such as bottle caps, discarded plastic utensils, an orphaned AirPod and a Ring Pop, then packaged them up and sold them on his website.

One cube even contained an ovulation test kit, he said.

"There's garbage on the floor after the party. Collected from the edge of a love story outside Madison Square Garden, as close to Taylor & Travis' big day as you could've gotten without an invite," the website listing reads.

"This is the debut of Pocket Garbage, so you can carry a piece of the greatest day of your . . . I mean, their lives, wherever you go."

Gignac has sold other "limited edition" garbage cubes to commemorate the New York Giants' 2012 championship parade, the Yankees' 2009 parade and other noteworthy Big Apple happenings over the years.

The star-studded July 3 wedding, which saw several New York City streets shut down, was attended by over 1,000 guests, including A-listers such as Brad Pitt, Ed Sheeran, Reese Witherspoon, Steven Spielberg and Adam Sandler, who officiated the service.

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New York City Garbage
JUST T&T MARRIED! 7/3/26
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New York Garbage

THEY 'DO': Taylor Swift fans are dropping $25 plus shipping for trash found near her wedding venue.

PEACE OUT

TRUMP: DO IT THE

Time for talk is Don

Make ‘liars’ pay

MARK DUBOWITZ

JUST three weeks after it was signed, the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Iran is on life support.

Tehran’s promise to keep the Strait of Hormuz open for international shipping turned out to be about as trustworthy as every other major promise the Islamic Republic has ever made.

As the regime was busy staging the lavish funeral for its recently eliminated Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iranian forces went ahead and attacked three commercial vessels transiting the strait.

The United States struck nearly 100 military targets across Iran in response.

Now President Trump has dismissed the negotiations as a “waste of time,” casting aside any diplomatic niceties by describing Iran’s rulers in stark terms: “liars,” “cuckoo,” “sick people,” “scum.”

And he’s right. Unlike much of Washington, Trump has long grasped that the Islamic Republic negotiates only to keep itself afloat.

Get tough with regime

During his first term, Trump pulled the plug on former President Barack Obama’s deeply flawed nuclear deal, imposed severe sanctions, and ordered the elimination of Qassem Soleimani, the mastermind behind Iran’s global terrorist network.

In his second term, he twice deployed American military power against the regime — first in June 2025 and again this year.

Yet Tehran seemed convinced it could simply recycle the same playbook that had worked for decades.

The strategy? Offer negotiations. Buy time. Secure sanctions relief. Drive a wedge between the United States and its allies. Rebuild military capabilities. Fund terrorist proxies.

Ramp up missile production.

And, of course, preserve the nuclear program until the next opportune moment.

For years, this strategy worked because Western governments were genuinely desperate for diplomacy to succeed.

This time, however, Iran badly miscalculated. To be fair, mixed signals emanating from Washington might have contributed to that mistake.

On the one hand, the Trump administration promised Iran major sanctions relief. At other moments, it’s issued warnings of devastating military consequences should Iran fail to comply.

These contradictory messages apparently convinced Tehran that it could once again manipulate the process to its advantage.

The lesson for the US is that it must stop negotiating with a regime that weaponizes negotiations. The objective shouldn’t just be limiting uranium enrichment: It needs to end permanently, with rigorous verification. Iran’s nuclear infrastructure must be dismantled, and its enriched uranium stockpile completely removed.

That requires reinstating maximum pressure across every single front. We need to reimpose the blockade on Iranian ports.

Iran’s ability to export oil must be permanently revoked. Frozen assets should remain frozen, rather than being used to finance the regime’s next bout of aggression.

Crushing sanctions need to be enforced, with no loopholes. The president should direct the US military to win the Battle of Hormuz. He should establish an maritime insurance organization, backed by billions from countries vulnerable to the closure of Hormuz and other critical maritime chokepoints.

Worth the risks

Washington also shouldn’t tolerate Tehran using proxies like Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen to bully negotiators.

The regime has shown economic incentives do not stop its revolutionary ambitions.

Yes, renewed confrontation carries risks. Oil prices could spike, and political calendars may become more complicated. But those are manageable costs.

Allowing the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism to rebuild its power under the guise of yet another failed negotiation is far more dangerous.

Lasting change will have to come from the Iranian people themselves, who have consistently demonstrated extraordinary courage in confronting their oppressors.

Trump should direct his intelligence community to develop a plan to provide maximum support to the Iranian people, aimed at crippling the regime.

Trump has recognized that the Islamic Republic exploits diplomacy as a strategy of delay, deception and, ultimately, survival. The mistake now would be giving Tehran another opportunity to prove that point.

Mark Dubowitz is chief executive of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

BURNING RAGE: A blaze engulfs the Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas after the US military hit more than 80 targets across Iran —including dozens of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ boats (inset) guarding the Strait of Hormuz — in its latest round of airstrikes, which President Trump said were “retribution” for Tehran’s attacks on commercial vessels.

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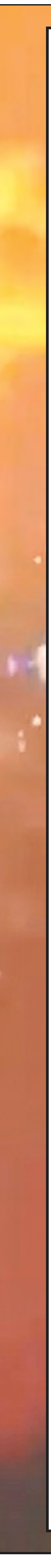
‘HARD’ WAY



Prez rips ‘loco’ Iranian regime, resumes bombs

By STEVEN NELSON,
RYAN KING and VICTOR NAVA

ANKARA, Turkey — President Trump made good on his promise to hit Iran “hard” for a second straight night Wednesday before warning attacks “will get much worse” if Tehran continues to target ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump ordered the latest round of US airstrikes just hours after unleashing a torrent of fiery criticism at the Islamist regime amid the collapse of his peace deal with Tehran — calling Iran’s ruling clerics “scum,” “evil,” “loco” and “sick people” at the annual NATO summit.

“This is in retribution for yesterday’s bombing of ships by Iran,” Trump wrote on social media, including an image of a burning structure in Iran’s southern port city of Chabahar.

“If it happens again, it will get much worse!”

The US strikes are the fourth on Iran since the signing of a preliminary peace deal late last month.

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US Central Command

Iran is set to close the Strait of Hormuz again in response to the latest US strikes, with Tehran vowing to attack two targets for every one target America hits, according to a new report.

“Trump will gain nothing from these recent threats, but he will certainly lose both the Strait of Hormuz and the negotiations over a final agreement,” a source close to Tehran told Iran’s Press TV.

Iran’s military claimed it hit 85 military targets in the Middle East overnight as an initial response to America’s attack on the Islamic Republic’s coastal assets near the Strait of Hormuz.

At the summit in Turkey, Trump fumed that he no longer saw a point in continuing negotiations following Iran’s repeated violations of the deal.

“I’m not sure I want to make a deal. Let’s just finish the job,” Trump said, explaining he had abandoned his assessment that Iranian leaders were more rational after “I got to know them.”

“They said to us, ‘Please don’t kill us during the funeral [of late Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei].’ I said, ‘I won’t,’ and we didn’t do anything. And then they attacked three ships,” Trump said.

“So, I don’t like them at all. And, frankly, I think we waste a lot of time with them,” Trump said. “They’re scum . . . and they’re evil people.”

The president defended his Operation Epic Fury as a “tremendous success” despite what he called the apparent failure of his June 17 memorandum of understanding to end the war, which had called for the 60-day reopening of the Strait of Hormuz while the future of Iran’s nuclear program was decided.

The president Wednesday threatened to seize Kharg Island, the hub for about 90% of Iran’s oil exports, and warned he could reimpose a blockade on Iranian ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

“In one day, we could knock down every single bridge in Iran. There’s not a thing they can do about it,” Trump said. “They have desalination plants. We’ll take them out if we have to.

“Maybe we’ll take over Kharg Island.”

The president’s military retribution marked the first time he has ordered strikes on the regime while being physically within range of its missiles.

But that and past plots to assassinate Trump didn’t deter him Wednesday — though the president did announce plans not to fly out of Turkey aboard his prized new Air Force One after publicly musing that the Islamic Republic may one day kill him.

“I’ll give them a little warning, we’re going to hit them hard tonight, but we’ll see how it all works out,” Trump said. “We may put it back, the blockade.

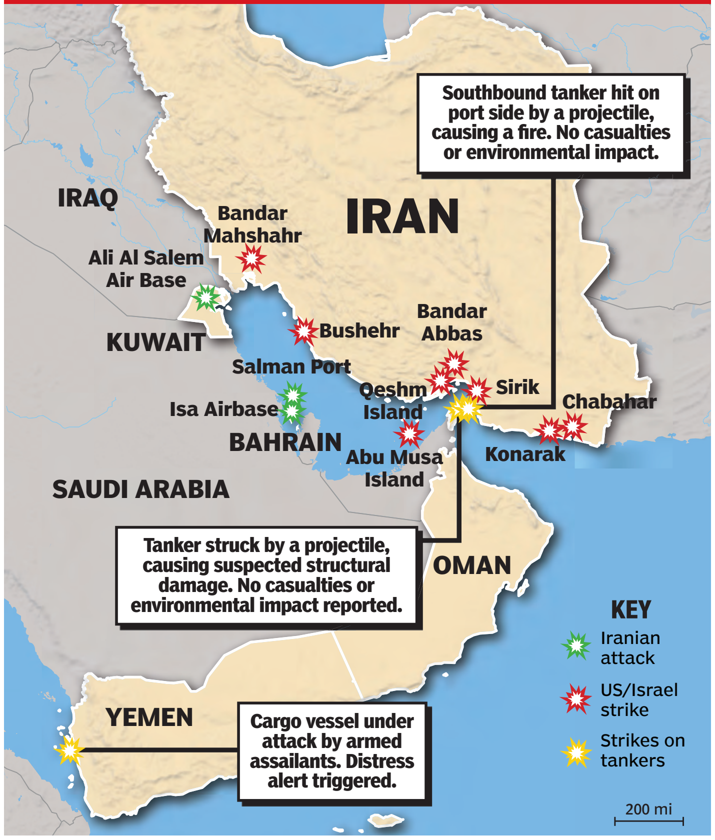
“Of course, they will drop some mines if they can,” he added. “But it’s hard because we’re taking out those little boats now with the same weapon we used to take out the drug lords.”

The price of Brent crude oil jumped nearly 4.5% after Trump spoke, before dipping lower.

US Central Command explained the Wednesday assault was intended to “further degrade [Iran’s] ability to threaten freedom of navigation” in the strait, following Iranian attacks on three commercial vessels transiting the key waterway this week.

Additional reporting by Ronny Reyes

IRAN, US TRADE TIT-FOR-TAT STRIKES



Southbound tanker hit on port side by a projectile, causing a fire. No casualties or environmental impact.

Tanker struck by a projectile, causing suspected structural damage. No casualties or environmental impact reported.

Cargo vessel under attack by armed assailants. Distress alert triggered.

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Iranian attack
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Strikes on tankers

And the hits’ll keep coming

President Trump ordered another round of airstrikes against Iran on Wednesday, a day after more than 80 targets were hit by US forces in response to the regime’s attacks on cargo ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

“At the direction of the Commander in Chief, US Central Command forces have started conducting additional strikes against Iran to further degrade their ability to threaten freedom of navigation in the [strait],” US Central Command said.

“The United States is holding Iran accountable for recent unjustified aggression against commercial shipping and civilian crews freely navigating a vital international waterway,” CENTCOM added.

A US official described the assault as “wider in scope” than Tuesday’s strikes and said Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps coastal radars, anti-ship missile positions and air defense systems were among the targets.

Iranian state media reported explosions in the southern port city of Chabahar, which is about 300 miles south of the strait, Konarak, Bandar Abbas and the Persian Gulf islands of Qeshm and Abu Musa. Blasts were also reported in the northern gulf port city of Bushehr.

The White House did not respond to The Post’s request for comment.

On Tuesday, US forces battered Iranian air defense systems, command and control networks, coastal radar sites, anti-ship missile capabilities and more than 60 IRGC small boats in response to Iran’s attacks on three commercial ships in the strait earlier in the week.

In total, more than 80 targets were hit with precision munitions in Tuesday night’s strikes, according to CENTCOM.

Tehran has insisted commercial shipping vessels use regime-approved sea routes while transiting the strait, and has attacked tankers that have opted to take a route along the Omani coast, preferred by the US and its allies. *Victor Nava*

Expect the $panish imposition

Prez's trade, tourism threat

By STEVEN NELSON

ANKARA, Turkey — President Trump threatened Wednesday to cut off "all trade" and tourism with Spain — citing Madrid's refusal to boost military spending on NATO and its restrictions on US operations during the Iran war.

"Spain is a wasted cause. We don't want to do any trade business with Spain anymore," Trump declared at a press event alongside NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte ahead of a day of meetings at the alliance's annual summit.

"Spain is a terrible partner in NATO. They don't participate. They don't pay. I don't want to have anything to do with Spain. Cut off all trade with Spain, please, including visits . . . Watch them come running back," said the president.

"We don't have to trade with them. I don't want to do any more trade with them, all right? Immediately. Don't talk to them. They're hopeless, bad people.

"Let's see how hostile they remain when they call up and they [say], 'Please, please. We want to trade with you, sir. We want to trade with you, sir,'" Trump added. "They make so much money with us, and we're going to see that they make a lot less. I want no business with them."

In response, the office of socialist Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, who attended a Tuesday night dinner alongside Trump in the Turkish capital, downplayed the comments "as a matter of routine" and added that Madrid "maintains an excellent social, cultural and economic relationship with the US, and we have no intention of seeing that change."

Sánchez's office also pointed out that the US currently runs a trade surplus with Spain, sending the European nation more goods than it takes in, and noted that the Brussels-based European Union handles economic relations on behalf of its 27 member nations.

The White House and Treasury Department did not release additional information about possible actions against Spain, and it was not clear how Trump might restrict business or travel.

Ending trade with Spain could limit Americans' access to popular imports such as olive oil and wine and disrupt the trade agreement with the European Union.

Trump has significant powers to temporarily impose tariffs, though a Supreme Court ruling in February curtailed his authority and long-term actions against Spain would likely face legal challenges.

An imposition of travel restrictions would be even more exceptional, as nearly 4.5 million Americans visited Spain last year. The US only bans Americans from traveling to North Korea.

AP

Don warms

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

President Trump on Wednesday marveled that he and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky have come a long way from last year's disastrous White House meeting that blew up into battle over gratitude — and officials escorting the Kyiv leader out before a planned luncheon.

The warmth was on display during a NATO summit meeting, where Trump discussed granting Kyiv a license to manufacture its own Patriot interceptor missiles — a big gift to Zelensky.

"We've actually developed a good relationship! Hard to believe, right? From the Oval Office to now," the president said at the top of his sit-down with Ukraine's leader, later adding that he is willing to visit Ukraine "at the right time."

There was no animosity when Trump accidentally referred to Zelensky as "President Putin" — and he quickly saved face by claiming he was soliciting questions for the Russian dictator for a call they would have later.

Trump appears to have cozied up closer to Ukraine as Russia's war on the country has turned in Kyiv's favor in recent months, speaking far more positively about Zelensky and his country's fight than before.

"Everyone knows the president loves winners," a source with knowledge of the growing relationship told The Post. "And right now, Ukraine is winning."

Trump's former envoy to Ukraine, retired Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg, echoed that assessment, telling The Post on Wednesday that the strengthened relationship is "because Zelensky is winning."

"Zelensky's putting the pressure on the Russians, and I think the president now realizes this guy, Putin — who may be a nice guy with you — but basically he's not winning the war."

"People have told him Putin's winning. He's been thinking he's winning — he's not. Now Trump realizes, 'Well, maybe I'm on the wrong horse

Roaming right past Meloni

REUTERS

President Trump walked straight past Giorgia Meloni without greeting her ahead of a group photo of NATO leaders in Turkey on Wednesday — after claiming he needed a "restraining order" against the Italian prime minister.

The apparent snub came as Trump and Meloni clashed in recent weeks over her refusal to allow the US military to use Italian bases during the Iran war.

Meloni addressed the strained relations between the pair on Wednesday, insisting she had no regrets about her handling of the American president, and her only concern was strengthening unity within the Western alliance.

"I said I would not return to the subject, and I will not return to the subject," Meloni started by saying at a news conference following the NATO summit in the Turkish capital Ankara.

"I don't regret anything I've done," Meloni said in response to questions about her relationship with Trump. She also noted how much common ground the pair has, including on migration and their opposition to "woke culture."

Over the weekend, Trump posted a fake image on Truth Social of Meloni gazing up at him and smiling with the caption: "Restraining order needed."

On Tuesday, Trump appeared to backtrack.

"I think she's a nice person actually, but I think she made a mistake," he said. *Anthony Blair*

WHAT THE ZEL? NOW THEY'RE CHUMMY

to Ukr. boss, hints at missile gift

NEW DAY: Last year's blowup in the Oval Office is a distant memory Wednesday in Turkey, where President Trump had kind words and possible missile help for Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.

AFP via Getty Images

right now,' " Kellogg added.

Ukrainians are eliminating about 35,000 Russian troops monthly — a rate that Moscow can't keep up with backfilling new recruits, officials have said.

"You have to say he's courageous. He's got great equipment, he's got great men, he's got fighters," Trump said of Zelensky during NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte's visit to the Oval Office two weeks ago. That comment came in stark contrast to harsh criticism he gave last year to Kellogg, whom Trump called an "idiot" for praising Zelensky as an "embattled and courageous leader."

The striking difference in Trump's tone has been noted by other world leaders, including Rutte, who last month told The Post, "I think what the president also acknowledged . . . is that the Ukrainians are doing quite well."

The warming sentiment toward Ukraine appears to have extended to Vice President JD Vance, whose demands that Zelensky say "thank you" for US assistance during the February 2025 Oval Office meeting led to the blowout.

Vance argued Monday that Russia's offensive has largely stalled — a dynamic Kyiv hopes will strengthen Trump's hand in pressing Moscow.

"Frankly, the Russians are in a place right now where the amount that they can get through continued [Russian] offensive operations is vanishingly small," he told The Times of London.

But it's not just words — Trump on Wednesday pledged to discuss with Zelensky extending Ukraine a license to make its own life-saving Patriot interceptor missiles.

"A little birdie told me this, about the fact that we'll give them the right to make Patriots," Trump said, speaking before reporters with Zelensky.

"This way, you can't complain that we're not giving them enough," he joked.

The move marks one of the biggest changes in US military support for Ukraine since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, allowing Kyiv to manufacture one of America's most closely guarded air-defense systems.

Rumors fly as Trump takes old Air Force One

ANKARA, Turkey — President Trump abruptly announced Wednesday that he would not fly out of Turkey aboard his luxurious new Air Force One — stoking speculation that the Qatar-donated jet may be vulnerable to Iranian fire as the war resumes.

Trump instead departed the annual NATO summit using the older model of Air Force One, which he had stopped using last week in favor of the $400 million "palace on wings" that he has proudly boasted about acquiring.

The president claimed on social media the plane switch was so that US troops in England could "tour" the upgrade — but speculation swirled after he spent the day repeatedly mentioning Iran's interest in killing him. Trump declined to deny at a press conference that security concerns played a role.

"I'm number one on the kill list for Iran. They're lovely people," Trump told a Post reporter who asked if security concerns motivated the switch.

Earlier in the day, Trump had said, "They want to take out the US leader, me . . . And so far, I guess I've been a little bit lucky. But that maybe doesn't last very long."

When a New York Times reporter pressed Trump over the choice of plane, he said: "It's flying to Europe, to one of the big bases, two or three of the big bases, where we can show it to the people, and we'll be going home by normal methods." *Steven Nelson*

‘Little’ ethnic outrage

Zo diss of Irish, Italians & Jews

By MATTHEW FISCHETTI,
CARL CAMPANILE
and NATALIE O’NEILL

Fuhgeddaboudit!

Mayor Mamdani caught some Italian heat Wednesday after releasing a map of the Big Apple’s ethnic enclaves that includes places like Little Palestine — but ignores historic Little Italy and other notable Irish and Jewish immigrant nabes.

The map, titled “New York City Immigrant Enclaves,” highlights 30 areas across the five boroughs, ranging from Koreatown in Manhattan to Little Pakistan in Brooklyn and Little Yemen in The Bronx.

But critics were quick to roast the socialist mayor for overlooking the city’s very own “original Little” — a nationally recognized historic district that brought New Yorkers everything from meatballs to the Mafia.

“No Italians. Give me a break,” one observer fumed on X.

Councilwoman Joann Ariola (R-Queens) said snubbing Little Italy, established in the late 19th century, was a major flub.

“They were able to get a ‘Little Bhod-Tibet’ in there, but what about the original ‘Little neighborhood,’ Little Italy?” Ariola told The Post.

“And what about areas like Woodlawn, in The Bronx, which is home to plenty of Irish immigrants? Do the Irish and Italians not count for the Mayor’s Office?”

Joseph Scelsa, founder of the Italian-American Museum on Mulberry Street, called the exclusion of Italian-American enclaves a “terrible mistake.”

“To respect one is to respect all,” he said.

“Italian-Americans are still a major population in New York City. To not recognize where Italian-Americans came from and settled is a terrible mistake. I don’t understand why Little Italy isn’t included. I hope it’s an oversight.”

The map, which appears to have been released in May, also includes Little Guyana in Queens, Little Mexico on Staten Island and Little Dominican Republic in Manhattan.

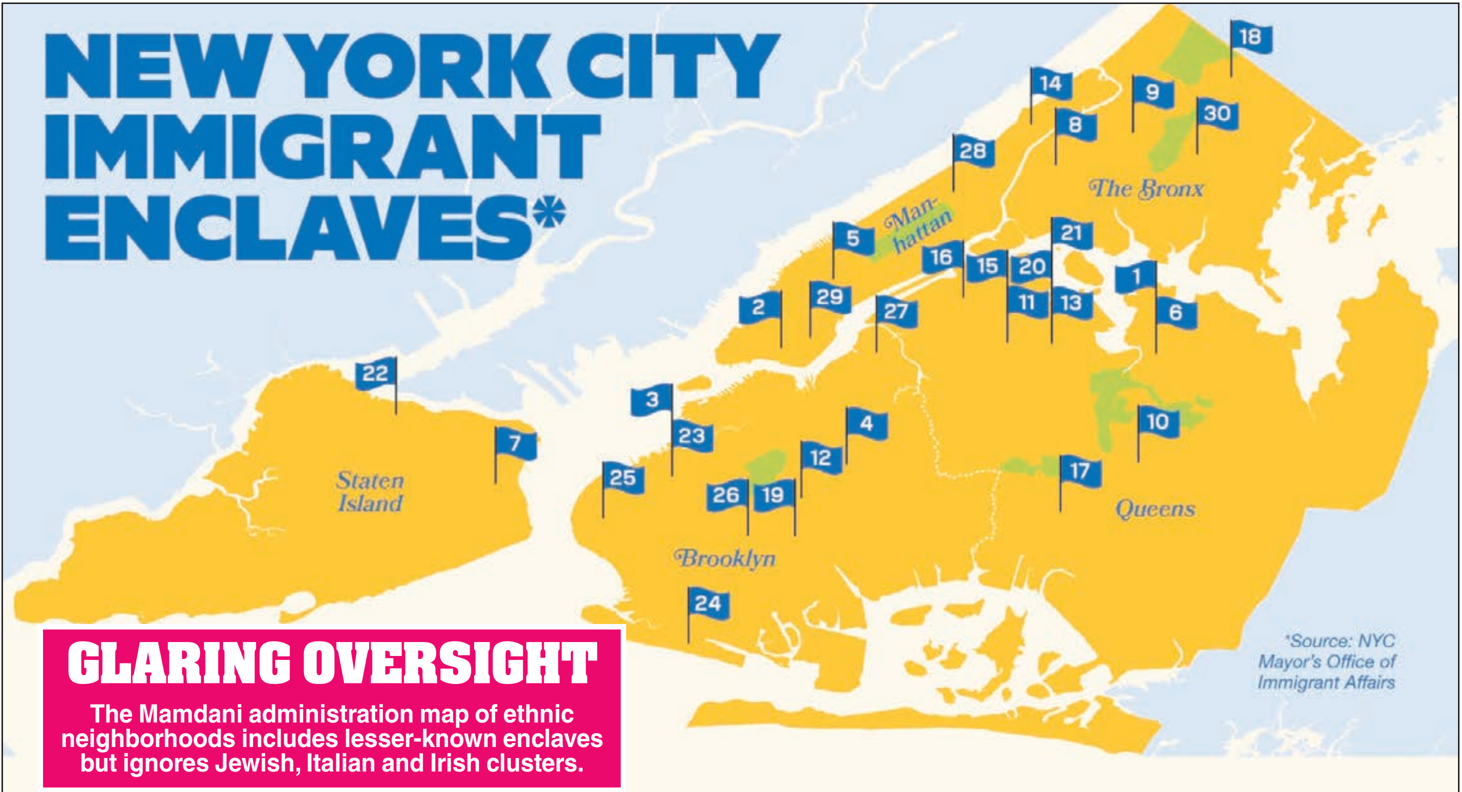
Kevin McCabe, a former City Council chief of staff, said the map shamefully leaves out generations of folks hailing from the Emerald Isle.

“I guess they never heard of Woodlawn or Sunnyside but that’s OK, the Irish are everywhere, the way it’s supposed to be,” McCabe, an original Working Families Party operative, told The Post.

State Assemblyman Kalman Yeger, who represents heavily orthodox Jewish southern Brooklyn, said it’s not the first time Hizzoner has tried to “erase” the Jews.

“Mr. Mamdani’s erasing Jews is an essential part of his brand. No surprise,” Yeger said.

The mayor’s office didn’t immediately respond to The Post’s request for comment Wednesday.



*Source: NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

GLARING OVERSIGHT

The Mamdani administration map of ethnic neighborhoods includes lesser-known enclaves but ignores Jewish, Italian and Irish clusters.

1. **Chinatown in Flushing** - 7 Flushing-Main St
2. **Chinatown in Manhattan** - J M Z N Q R W 6 Canal St
3. **Chinatown in Sunset Park** - N 8th Ave
4. **Guyana Gateway** - 3 4 Crown Hts - Utica Ave
5. **Koreatown in Manhattan** - B D F M N Q R W 34th St
6. **Koreatown in Queens** - 7 Flushing-Main St
7. **Little Africa in Staten Island** - SI Clifton
8. **Little Africa in the Bronx** - B D 167th St
9. **Little Albania** - B D Fordham Rd
10. **Little Bangladesh** - F 169 St / E J Z Jamaica Center
11. **Little Bhod-Tibet** - M R Northern Blvd
12. **Little Caribbean** - B Q S Prospect Park / 2 5 Church Ave
13. **Little Colombia** - E F M R Jackson Hts / 7 74th St-Broadway
14. **Little Dominican Republic** - A 175th St / 181st St
15. **Little Ecuador** - 7 Junction Blvd / 74th St-Broadway
16. **Little Egypt** - R Steinway St / N W Astoria Blvd
17. **Little Guyana in Queens** - A Ozone Park-Lefferts Blvd
18. **Little Guyana in the Bronx** - 2 5 Nereid Ave / 6 St Lawrence Ave
19. **Little Haiti** - 2 5 Newkirk Ave
20. **Little India** - E F M R Jackson Hts / 7 74th St-Broadway
21. **Little Manila** - E F M R Jackson Hts / 7 74th St-Broadway
22. **Little Mexico in Port Richmond** - S44/S46 Bus: Port Richmond
23. **Little Mexico in Sunset Park** - D N R W 25th St / 36th St
24. **Little Odessa** - B Q Brighton Beach
25. **Little Palestine** - R Bay Ridge Ave / 86th St
26. **Little Pakistan** - B Q Newkirk Plaza
27. **Little Poland** - G Greenpoint Ave / Nassau Ave
28. **Little Senegal** - 2 3 B C 116th St
29. **Little Ukraine** - F 2nd Ave / 6 Astor Pl
30. **Little Yemen** - 2 5 Bronx Park East / Pelham Pkwy

Big wheels pitch bus plan

Mayor Mamdani and Gov. Hochul unveiled an $800 million plan in Brooklyn on Wednesday that they say will shorten city bus rides by adding special lanes — and more Big Brother-style traffic cameras to squeeze drivers.

The Democrats presented the plan in Flatbush, saying new “rapid bus routes” will save riders six minutes per trip while expanding the Automated Camera Enforcement program with 200 cameras added to 50 more routes.

“Time is money. We are going to give New Yorkers some of that time back,” Mamdani said.

Mamdani started a stopwatch, promising to keep his speech to six minutes — but he went longer, breaking the schedule like an M42 bus.

Allan Rosen of rider group Passengers United said the vow is flawed because of how short most people’s rides are. *Haley Brown*

Westch. mother slain by son: DA

A Scarsdale resident allegedly beat and stabbed his disability-advocate mother to death in their $2.5 million home in the tony town — marking the first homicide in a decade in the nation's wealthiest suburb.

Chester Green, 26, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder for killing his mother, Marian Green, 71, at their home in the Fox Meadow region of Scarsdale this week, according to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

Chester allegedly killed Marian sometime between Sunday and Tuesday by beating and stabbing her multiple times with a sharp object and a blunt instrument, prosecutors alleged.

The alleged killer son was taken to White Plains Hospital after Scarsdale police found him standing outside the multimillion-dollar home.

Police later discovered Marian dead inside, Lohud.com reported.

A motive in the slaying was not immediately known.

Marian was a widow and lived alone with her adult son on the quiet, tree-lined street, according to reports.

She was a staunch advocate for disabled people and special-needs children, and acted as the chair of the village's Advisory Council for People with Disabilities, Lohud.com reported.

Homicides are exceedingly rare in the ritzy town, with the last known being the murder of pediatrician Robin Goldman in 2016.

Her husband, Julius Reich, was sentenced to 20 years in state prison in 2018.

Zoe Hussain

City-paid plumber awash in OT

PIPE DREAM PROBE

Instagram/Jakub Markowski ;Dennis A. Clark for NY Post

By REUVEN FENTON, HANNAH FIERICK and MATT TROUTMAN

He's flush with cash.

A NYCHA plumber who's one of New York City's highest-paid employees is in hot water after claiming he worked nearly 2,600 hours of overtime.

Plumbing supervisor Jakub Markowski, 41, is facing an investigation by the city more than a year after The Post exposed him as New York City government's biggest overtime hog, clogging his bank account with a staggering $332,000 in extra pay during the 2025 fiscal year.

A spokesperson said the city Department of Buildings opened a probe into Markowski — who drew a whopping $465,000 from the city — after receiving a complaint into his "business practices."

Markowski, who lives in an upscale apartment building off the Rockaway Beach boardwalk, didn't return a request for comment. His wife Elizabeth Markwowska, 63, perhaps unsurprisingly, said he was working.

"He works seven days a week," she told The Post from their home Wednesday.

Markowski also ran two private businesses — Super Plumbers Corp. NYC and Dynamic Blue Water Mechanical — as he drew his stinks-to-high-heaven paycheck from the New York City Housing Authority, state records show.

DRAIN: Jakub Markowski, who raked in an astonishing $465,000 in city pay as a plumber, much of it in overtime, is under investigation. His wife, Elizabeth (left), told The Post Wednesday at her Queens home she didn't know what he did with the cash.

In addition to the DOB investigation into Markowski's business practices, officials said they also conducted a sweep of plumbing jobs in which he was the permit holder to make sure they were completed safely. The sweep found no violations, DOB officials said.

Markowski ranks as the fifth-highest-paid city employee, according to records and the Empire Center watchdog group.

Without his 2,558 hours of overtime logged, Markowski's gross regular pay during the 2025 fiscal year would have stood at a respectable $118,000.

He would have had to work an average of seven extra hours a day for 365 days straight to draw his outsize paycheck, The New York Times reported. When The Post first uncovered Markowski's exorbitant pay, officials with NYCHA attributed his outsize overtime to "extensive plumbing and heating demands that are mandated and monitored by law."

NYCHA didn't comment further Wednesday.

But questions over Markowski's taxpayer-paid overtime and dual private sector plumbing businesses prompted a complaint from the Plumbing Foundation of New York nonprofit trade group, according to the Times report.

'Beyond wasteful'

"Enabling one individual to run a private plumbing business while serving as a city plumbing supervisor and accruing more overtime than any other city employee is beyond wasteful, and it raises serious concerns about the integrity, safety and oversight of NYCHA's building operations," April McIver, the group's executive director, told the Times.

The city's Department of Investigation is scrutinizing Markowski, but wouldn't specify whether their probe is focused on his overtime, business or both.

"This is an ongoing matter at DOI and we decline further comment," a spokesperson said.

Markowski's wife said she was unaware what he did with his money. "He treats me like a woman. Very nice guy."

Kitty rescue after deaths

Turns out this old cat still had one life left.

An elderly cat was rescued after spending nearly a week without food or water inside a police-sealed Harlem apartment following her owners' deaths.

Kelly Mahoney, founder of Big Apple Cat Rescue, learned about 15-year-old Thai (inset) from Facebook posts by concerned friends of Jeffrey Newman and Jayson Conner.

Conner, 49, died after suffering cardiac arrest.

Newman, 58, who had health issues, died days later.

The city Medical Examiner is investigating, but police do not suspect any criminality.

Mahoney persuaded a sergeant in the 32nd Precinct to unseal the door, and they found Thai alive and well.

A friend of the late couple is expected to adopt her, she said.

Reuven Fenton

Charges in Coney shoot

Police have a suspect in custody in the cowardly July 4 mass shooting at a Coney Island barbecue that left eight members of the same family wounded — including four young children.

Robert Smith, 44, was charged with multiple counts of attempted murder Wednesday after being tied to the senseless Independence Day attack in Brooklyn that stunned the Big Apple, the NYPD said on X.

Police have not said what may have prompted the shooting, but sources said it could be gang-related.

The family was celebrating the holiday on Saturday night at a Coney Island park when a masked gunman in black opened fire on the group. Smith's arrest comes one day after grandmother Carlene Pearsall made an emotional plea for justice.

"They shot our babies," Pearsall said. "This is senseless."

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

LEFT IN A MESS

Facebook/Laurie Lopez

SEX TOY STORY: Texas Senate candidate James Talarico once hired campus protester Ana Lopez (left) to help draft gun control legislation.

Tex. pol's aim to *stiffen* gun laws

By RYAN KING

Should have kept this in the holster.

Democratic Texas Senate hopeful James Talarico tapped the former leader of a protest movement called "C--ks Not Glocks" at the University of Texas at Austin to be his legislative aide, a job that included drafting gun control legislation.

Ana Lopez helped Talarico craft three major firearm restriction bills that he rolled out in the state legislature in 2019, all of which failed to pass.

Lopez took over the leadership of "C--ks Not Glocks," which once handed out more than 4,500 dildos on the UT-Austin campus to protest a 2015 law allowing licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons at state universities and community colleges, from founder Jessica Jin — an alum of the school, like Talarico.

Lopez told Study Breaks Magazine in 2017 that Jin had moved to California after graduation and passed the "torch down to me."

With its motto of "fighting absurdity with absurdity," members of "C--ks Not Glocks" marched on campus with T-shirts and banners depicting male genitalia emblazoned with perverse takes on pro-Second Amendment slogans such as "take it and come," while others donned dog collar sex toys.

She eventually became the cofounder of Students Against Campus Carry, and wrote a 53-page thesis paper in 2019 analyzing gun culture.

Lopez served as a legislative aide to Talarico from January through May of that year, and her LinkedIn profile touts work on bills to end concealed-carry reciprocity in Texas, require background checks to rent firearms at sport shooting ranges, and tighten requirements to obtain gun licenses.

'US needs Israel reset'

Former Chicago Mayor and possible 2028 Dem presidential contender Rahm Emanuel called for an end to America's unconditional support of Israel during his trip to Tel Aviv Wednesday.

The Democrat, who is exploring a presidential run, delivered a blunt speech in which he described America's actions of "blindly and silently" standing behind Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a "mistake."

Emanuel (inset), 66, claimed the blanket support led to Netanyahu pursuing "dead-end" policies, as well as to the rise of extremism in the Jewish state.

He said those policies have left Israel more isolated than ever on the world stage.

"We've done you no favors by averting our eyes from your misjudgments," Emanuel said.

"It should be obvious that strategic isolation is not a foundation for security. It's a countdown clock."

Ronny Reyes

PLAT OUT

Dem finally bails amid rape claims

By RYAN KING, KYRA BRESLIN and VICTOR NAVA

SULLIVAN, Maine — Accused rapist Graham Platner finally bowed out of the Maine Senate race Wednesday with a long-winded video statement, blaming everyone but himself for his campaign's implosion.

He blamed "large forces," "corporate media" and the "political establishment" for trying to force him out of the race.

"We believe that for the movement to continue, it can't be me. And for that reason we are suspending campaign operations," Platner said in a video announcement posted on X.

The announcement comes after a woman he previously dated, Jenny Racicot, publicly alleged that he drunkenly raped her at her Maine home in 2021 despite her repeated pleas to stop. Platner called the allegations false and remained defiant in his 11-minute monologue.

Leading Democrats, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, yanked their support of him in light of the allegations, but Platner framed it as a well-timed political hit job.

"I just want to make it clear this is all false. The things that have been claimed did not happen. It's not real," he said in the X video.

Platner argued the Democratic establishment used the rape allegation "as an excuse to take away all of the things that we need to run a campaign."

Inside Platner's mother's tavern moments before he made the announcement, his mom, Leslie Harlow, kept serving customers. She was greeted by friends who gave her a big hug.

It's unclear if the news that he was dropping out had already circulated among family and close friends.

Platner had until July 13 to bow out of the race for Democrats to be able to easily replace him as the party battles for control of the upper house of Congress.

"This was the last week to try to get me off of the ballot. And that's why this is occurring," Platner said

No admission of guilt

Platner went on to urge the public not to view his decision to withdraw as "an admission of guilt."

"It most certainly is not. We're not doing it because of the allegations. We're doing it because of the structures that are being taken away from us by those in power," he said.

Pennsylvania Democratic Sen. John Fetterman blasted Platner after the announcement.

"The trash took itself out tonight," he bluntly told Fox News.

"Now finally people in Maine have a chance to vote on someone that's not a total piece of trash."

While Platner vehemently denied the rape accusations against him, he canceled scheduled appearances this week.

Just hours after the latest rape claims, Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) issued a joint statement denouncing Platner.

"The allegations reported today are incredibly disturbing — violence, abuse and sexual assault are absolutely unacceptable," it said.

"Graham Platner needs to immediately withdraw as the Democratic nominee for Senate and allow Maine Democrats the opportunity to choose a new candidate who can defeat Susan Collins.

LEFT IN A MESS
OF MAINE RACE

GRAHAM CRACKED: Morris Katz (far left), a campaign adviser to Mayor Mamdani, and others were seen racing into Maine Senate candidate Graham Platner's (left) house to devise an exit plan for the beleaguered pol. Platner, facing sexual assault claims from multiple women, dropped out of the race Wednesday night.

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The DSCC [Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee] will not invest in the Maine Senate race if Platner remains on the ballot."

Platner lashed out at those who abandoned him and pulled financial support.

"We are going to lose our ability to fundraise. We are going to lose our ability to access voter data. We are going to lose all of the things that any campaign needs on the basic level simply to function," he bemoaned.

"Larger organizations, the national level party, the bigger donor networks — they have all committed to spending no money in this race if I'm in it," Platner continued.

"They would rather see Susan Collins win than have me be the next senator from Maine," he said.

Throughout his campaign, Platner had survived a steady string of scandals and repeatedly insisted he didn't have any more skeletons in his closet — before more bombshells dropped.

He's been accused of sexting other women while married, lying about a since-removed Nazi tattoo and being unfaithful to girlfriends and contemptuous of women.

Maine is widely seen as a must-win race for Democrats in order to retake control of the Senate.

Most Democrats had stood by Platner throughout nearly all the scandals that emerged against him, and he won his primary last month nonetheless.

But the rape accusations, first reported by Politico, proved to be a death knell for his candidacy.

Racicot described in disturbing detail how an "almost blackout-drunk" Platner entered her home without permission one night in 2021 after she texted him that she didn't want to see him.

In graphic detail, she recounted how she repeatedly rebuffed him, but he followed her into the bedroom and ejaculated in her.

"And the look on his face and realizing what was happening, I just realized that I'm in a situation where there's no consent here," she said.

"One of the reasons I didn't come forward sooner was the huge moral conflict that I had between supporting his politics but not supporting him as a person," Racicot told the outlet. "I just want the truth out there. I just want people to have a whole scope of who he is as a person."

Asked by CNN whether she was alleging that he raped her, Racicot responded: "By definition, yes, absolutely yes."

He took *it* off during sex, says Plat's ex

One of Graham Platner's ex-girlfriends alleged Tuesday the embattled Maine Democrat repeatedly removed his condom during sex without asking permission.

"He would pull condoms off," Lyndsey Fifield said in an interview with The Washington Post. "He would do it in a sneaky way. He wouldn't tell me."

"I confronted him both during and after [sex] because he knew that I was not on birth control and how dangerous that was," Fifield added. "He would act like cute about it, like 'Oh sneaky me.' "

Fifield estimated that Platner removed his condom at least six times during intercourse without consent.

Her account was corroborated by a friend, Emily Zanotti, who recalled Fifield "discovered that he had been taking off condoms in the middle of sex."

"She was extremely angry about the situation and about what he had done," Zanotti said.

According to Fifield, the alleged condom removals took place in Washington, DC, which does not have specific laws criminalizing the practice known as "stealthing."

In Maine, however, victims of stealthing have the right to sue perpetrators for civil damages.

Fifield, who noted she was not on birth control during the time she dated Platner between 2013 and 2015, previously told The New York Times that he once twisted her arm behind her back and locked her in a room, and yanked her out of a cab in a separate incident.

Platner's campaign told the outlet Fifield's allegation was "categorically false and politically motivated."

A Platner campaign spokesperson did not immediately respond to The Post's request for comment.

Victor Nava

VISA-FRAUD PROBE

US jobs for US citizens, says VP

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VEEP AT WORK: JD Vance and Labor Department Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito (inset) announce probes to ensure "American jobs . . . go to American workers and not foreign fraudsters."

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — Vice President JD Vance and the Department of Labor's watchdog announced a probe Wednesday into foreigners exploiting worker visas in the US in the latest crackdown on fraudsters.

At an anti-fraud event in Milwaukee Wednesday, Vance said labor officials fired off dozens of subpoenas for the investigation, so the Trump administration can ensure "American jobs … go to American workers and not foreign fraudsters."

Labor Department Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito told The Post that the recipients of the worker visas have been used to bilk the medical industry to the tune of "hundreds of millions" of dollars as well as other employment sectors — while being run at times by forced-labor networks and human traffickers.

The DOL's Office of Inspector General has already "uncovered widespread schemes in which employers and labor brokers submitted fraudulent applications, exploited foreign workers through coercive wage-kickback arrangements, and undercut American workers by flooding the market with below-wage labor."

Department of Homeland Security assessments have found as much as 21% of the H-1B petitions were fraudulent.

D'Esposito also told Fox Business' "Mornings with Maria" that in addition to H-1B visa workers displacing Americans, the investigation will target employment-based green card holders.

'Fueling violent crime'

"This is another example where fraud is fueling violent crime," D'Esposito said, adding the visa fraud "is tied to cartels, is tied to transnational gangs."

"This is not just people working in factories or actual labor," he added. "These are people working in medical facilities and doctors' offices that are actually putting people in harm's way."

In Milwaukee, Vance said the investigation will root out immigration fraudsters who can "undercut" American workers.

"This is a visa program that was set up to ensure that if you were a brilliant technology person or a brilliant scientist or a brilliant doctor, you could come to the United States and get access to this visa program," he told attendees. "But what's happening way too much is that big corporations and fraudsters overseas are using this program to undercut the wages of American workers."

"What we're doing in the Trump administration, we're saying, 'No more,' " he added. "If you are trying to take advantage of that visa program, you are not allowed in" to the US.

The H-1B visa allows noncitizens to work in the US when companies need to hire highly skilled foreigners. So-called PERMs are permanent labor certifications for foreigners seeking employment-based green cards.

Most H-1B workers come from India (73%), more than half have received a master's degree, and the majority are filling roles in programming, data communications or technical support, according to the Pew Research Center.

Tech industry giants like Amazon, Google, Meta, Microsoft and Apple recruit many of the H-1B employees. Others work in health care, manufacturing or higher education.

California, New York, Illinois, Texas and Washington state are the top recipients of the petitions.

H-1B recipients peaked in 2022 under then-President Joe Biden, when 442,425 applications were approved, per Pew Research.

The H-1B visas allow foreigners to stay for up to three years and can be renewed once. PERMs can remain beyond that so long as they're employed.

President Trump signed an executive action last year imposing a $100,000 annual fee for all H-1B applicants — but that was struck down by a federal judge in June.

Before returning to the White House, Trump told The Post he's "always been in favor of the visas" and used H-1Bs to hire workers for his many properties.

Anti-ICE judge $lap

Ex-Wisconsin state Judge Hannah Dugan was ordered to pay a $5,000 fine — but dodged prison time — for trying to help an illegal immigrant escape federal authorities following a court hearing last year.

Dugan, who stepped down in January from the Milwaukee County bench, was facing up to five years behind bars after she was convicted in December of felony obstruction of justice for helping Eduardo Flores-Ruiz, a Mexican national, escape out a back door to avoid ICE agents.

The incident took place in the early months of the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration across the country.

Ryan King

Ed. sec. heat on Ivy DEI

Education Secretary Linda McMahon, in the latest "Pod Force One" episode, warned Harvard administrators she could "drop the hammer" should it continue quietly pursuing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives that run afoul of federal law.

President Trump, shortly after taking office in 2025, issued executive actions seeking to eliminate DEI at Harvard and other universities.

The Department of Education also launched investigations over alleged antisemitism on campus and race-based admissions policies, and the DOJ sued Harvard for allegedly withholding data about those admissions.

McMahon is threatening further probes to hold Harvard accountable.

"Having always the hammer of investigation, of losing federal funding for research and programs, as well as having lawsuits potentially brought by the Department of Justice are certainly things that they bear in mind as well," she told The Post's Miranda Devine in the podcast episode out Wednesday.

Josh Christenson

Royal bones discovery

The English soccer team hopes to replicate on the field the success of Alfred the Great, the legendary English King who vanquished the Vikings.

The team may have received a boost from the past for their World Cup clash against Norway on Saturday in Miami: A historian believes he's located the long-lost remains of Alfred.

The royal bones have been traced to a parking lot in Winchester, Hampshire.

Along with its historical significance, researcher Graham Phillips believes the find could prove a "good omen" for the England squad. *Ben Cost*

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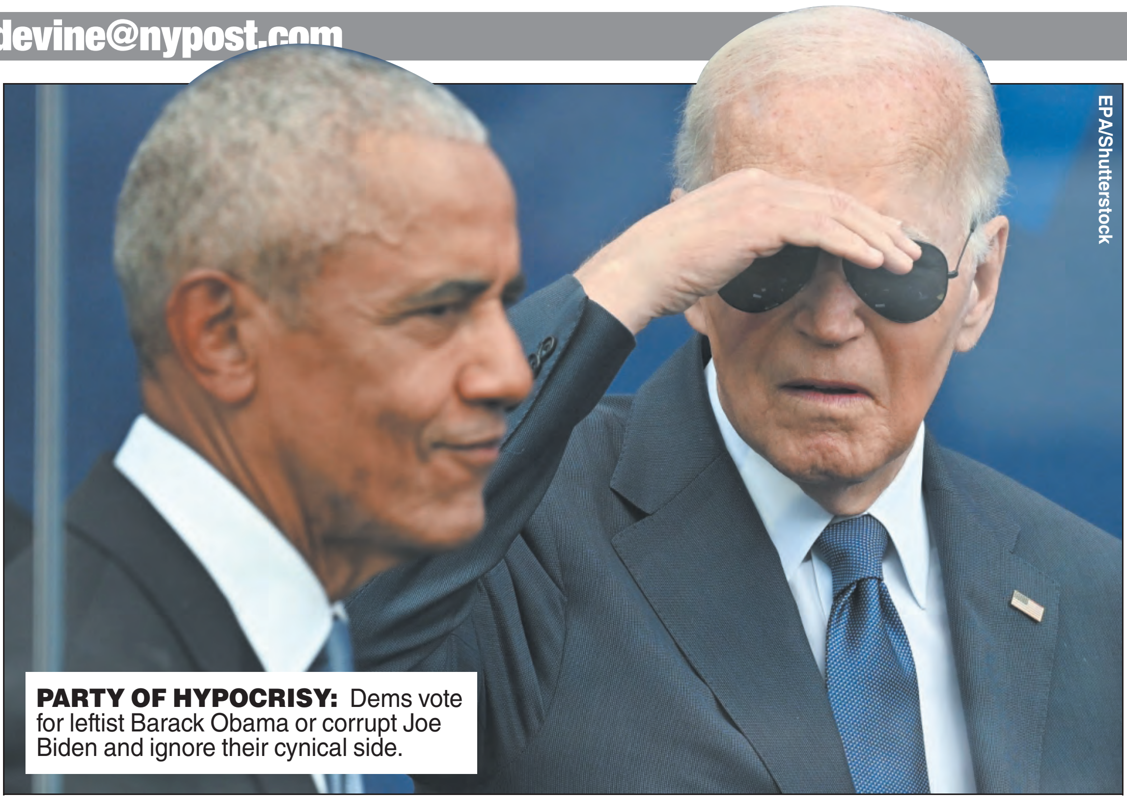
It's 'Me Too' late for slimy Dems



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PARTY OF HYPOCRISY: Dems vote for leftist Barack Obama or corrupt Joe Biden and ignore their cynical side.

THE party of Me Too has shown its true face in the rolling Graham Platner scandal.

Now that a liberal woman has credibly accused him of rape, the rats have deserted the sinking ship and the Democrat-endorsed US Senate candidate for Maine has dropped out.

But it's "Me Too" late to save face.

Conservatives always knew the left's effort to assert moral superiority on matters of sex, race and ideology were play-acting but now it's undeniable for even their most blinkered supporters.

The Democratic Party's defense of Platner to the bitter end against an avalanche of rape and sexual abuse allegations, not to mention his Nazi tattoo, has left them exposed as hypocrites.

They weaponize moral outrage against the right while rationalizing far worse on their own side.

They waved away reports of Platner's issues with women when they first surfaced two months ago in the form of Reddit posts in which he downplayed sexual assault and suggested victims had themselves to blame if they got drunk. These disturbing comments were dismissed as old and irrelevant, and were excused on the pretext that Platner was suffering from PTSD, an insult to military veterans who don't treat rape like a legitimate spoil of masculinity.

In any case, Platner, 41, wrote the posts a decade ago when he was old enough to know better.

Sen. John Fetterman was the lone voice in the Democratic Party calling out Platner from the start as a "creep" and "dirtbag." Fetterman dubbed him "P Hustle," the name Platner used on Kik, a grooming messaging app for underage kids where he sent explicit messages for a decade, and as recently as last year.

'Good, decent man'?

When Platner was revealed to have cheated on his new wife by sexting at least six women after getting married in 2023, Democrats said he was "a good, decent man who's struggled and grown."

A month ago, when The New York Times published its soft-soap catch-and-kill story in which multiple ex-girlfriends euphemistically described "unsettling" encounters with Platner, including physical intimidation, Democrats again excused Platner by attacking a victim, conservative Lyndsey Fifield. The Times chose to highlight Fifield while burying the graphic rape claim of another alleged victim, Jenny Racicot, a liberal ex-girlfriend of Platner who might have attracted more sympathy from their readers.

"Seems like a lot of nothing," Democrat Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said of the Times' piece.

"The only one who had anything to say that seemed unsettling was a woman who works for right-wing political operations."

By design, as Fifield would later bitterly complain.

It was that betrayal by the Times that persuaded Racicot to come forward again this week to catalog her shocking rape claim. She alleged to Politico and CNN that a drunken Platner entered her rural home uninvited one night in 2021, grabbed her pelvis and forcibly raped her despite her repeated pleas for him to stop.

The vaunted Times — the media outlet that most energetically prosecuted the Me Too explosion in the last decade — has equally been exposed for staggering hypocrisy.

Times reporter Jodi Kantor, who won a Pulitzer for her Me Too takedowns, opined to CNN last month that Platner wasn't guilty of Me Too infractions because "they were mostly made in the context of consensual relationships."

That's OK then.

It was this kind of endorsement from the gatekeepers of left-wing morality that allowed Platner to stay in the race — until Wednesday.

Warning was ignored

The Nazi tattoo he proudly sported for almost two decades should have been a warning, but Democrats cared only about power.

"My Totenkopf," he would say in a German accent, and reportedly called his penis "Mein Fuhrer."

The hypocrisy from the same people who accused Elon Musk of giving a "Nazi salute" when he innocently raised his arm on stage at a Trump rally, and who rail against Trump and MAGA Republicans as fascists, is astonishing.

"He's my kind of man," purred lefty Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Platner.

He sure is, and Democrats are saddled with his legacy.

They are back where they were in June 2024, held hostage by a fatally flawed candidate who blew himself up at the 11th hour and then demanded he choose his own successor.

They haven't learned a thing from the Biden family fiasco.

Again, they only have themselves to blame for trying to fool the voters with a candidate who was not what he appeared to be.

Joe Biden was not honest, modest or moderate. He just pretended to be. He was not the grown-up in the room who would end the chaos and unify the country. He was a divisive revolutionary with cognitive problems who flung open the border and wreaked damage on this country that will take a generation to get over.

Similarly, Platner was not a working-class "oysterman" with a heart of gold, but an alleged rapist, rabid Communist antisemite and proven pathological liar born with a silver spoon in his mouth who recklessly abused his privilege all his life. Like so many spoiled rich kids, he never grew up. His mother's restaurant was reportedly his only oyster customer and his father paid for his house.

"Part of our thesis here is that people do not want their candidates grown in vats," said Daniel Moraff, the ex-Bernie Sanders staffer and socialist recruiter who "discovered" Planter.

Times columnist Michelle Goldberg admitted this week Platner's appeal was "working-class aesthetics married to uncompromising lefty politics."

A commie in a Mainer costume.

"This guy is an authentic man," gushed Sen. Ruben Gallego.

No, Platner cosplayed authenticity with his flannel shirts and gravelly voice. He was a caricature of what the left thinks is an authentic white working-class man — a marginal upgrade from Tim Walz.

After demonizing masculinity for a decade, Democrats have driven authentic men out of their party and can't even recognize the real thing anymore.

They insulted men and the working class by insisting that a person of Platner's low-character represented their values.

Hilariously, it didn't work.

The white working-class voters who are key to winning the light blue state smelled a phony, despite his vow to fight "corporate greed" and the billionaire "oligarchy."

Platner was trailing Republican incumbent Sen. Susan Collins by 23 points with white non-college-educated voters, according to a Times/Portland Press Herald/Siena poll released last week.

If he hadn't dropped out and his polls hadn't been tanking, chances are Dems would still circle the wagons around their Frankenstein monster.

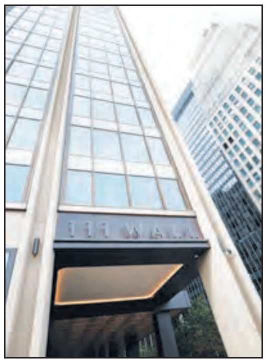
They'd hold their nose and vote for the devil if the devil could beat Donald Trump. That is their sole moral calculus these days and the source of their party's collapse.

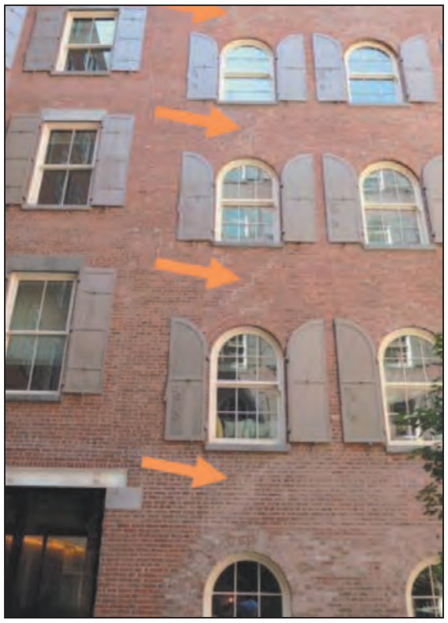
Instead of coming up with alternative policies for the betterment of the country, they just lazily lean into the Trump Derangement Syndrome they have stoked in their base for a decade.

It worked in 2020 when they tricked the electorate with "Honest Joe" Biden, but like the Iranians with the Strait of Hormuz, it's a trump card you can only play once.

History of violations

Builder faces $376M suit





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IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD: The developer involved in the shifting Midtown building has in the past also faced lawsuits and accusations of shoddy work at sites such as 11 Wall St. and the brick-bungled 443 Greenwich St. (right).

By KAREN TALLEY

MetroLoft, the developer behind the Manhattan high-rise that suddenly buckled Tuesday, is facing a slew of complaints at other buildings — including a $350 million-plus lawsuit at star-studded 443 Greenwich St., home to Rebel Wilson, Harry Styles and Meg Ryan over the past decade.

A construction-defect case alleging a number of structural flaws initially included $250 million in compensation and insurance claims. That figure has since ballooned to $376 million over the course of the past three years of litigation.

MetroLoft has also been hit with a crush of construction violations and lawsuits while transforming offices and former factories into luxury residences, city records show.

Chief among them is the case at 443 Greenwich St, which started in 2022. A few years earlier, when it was first developed, MetroLoft marketed the former bookbinding factory as offering ultra-luxury living and paparazzi-proof privacy.

It quickly attracted A-list buyers like Jennifer Lawrence, Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel, Ryan and Styles in a slew of 2017 purchases.

But shortly after moving in, some residents and board members contended the building was full of engineering and construction flaws.

The building's condo board sued MetroLoft in 2022 for breach of contract and fraud, claiming "life-threatening" shortcuts. The allegations include leaking roofs pouring water into multimillion-dollar penthouses and structural decay so intense that residents could pull decorative bricks from courtyard walls by hand.

'Failure to safeguard'

MetroLoft, helmed by real-estate veteran Nathan Berman, now carries 40 open violations on three properties it is working on, DOB records also show.

The waterfront office-to-residential retrofit at 111 Wall St. now has 10 open violations, after resolving 18 others.

The violations include a Department of Buildings inspector finding a worker operating a Skilsaw improperly. There was also "failure to safeguard the public and property," when a heavy container fell while being loaded onto a garbage truck, resulting in the hospitalization of a worker, DOB records show.

Additional reporting by Jordan Donegan

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By HALEY BROWN, HANNAH FIERICK, NICOLE ROSENTHAL and MATT TROUTMAN

Extra beams stabilize hi-rise amid city probe

Construction crews worked all Wednesday to prop up the Manhattan high-rise that suddenly buckled, but what caused the terrifying structural failure still remains a mystery.

Temporary shoring and beams were completely installed on the afflicted East 42nd Street building's 18th through 23rd floors during the morning after the structure stopped shaking and stabilized, Mayor Mamdani told reporters during an unrelated press conference. He said crews were doing the same on the 17th through 24th floors.

"They're going to be working through the day to get all the way up to the roof and all the way down to floor nine," he said, adding, "It is a 37-floor building."

Photographs shared on the city Department of Buildings' X account showed the emergency shoring — rows of steel standing solidly next to a problem-causing bent beam.

The harrowing situation at 235 E. 42nd St., the former Pfizer headquarters being converted from offices to apartments, was discovered Tuesday on its 21st floor, where two support beams buckled at around 8 a.m.

Area 'frozen zone'

The under-renovation structure was quickly evacuated, as were a swath of streets and several surrounding buildings — and a "frozen zone" was established that barred pedestrian and foot traffic below.

Officials shrank the frozen zone Wednesday to East 42nd and 43rd streets between Second and Third avenues but kept four buildings under a full vacate order, Mamdani said.

One more building was under a partial vacate order for a ground-floor restaurant, he said.

"I want to confirm for all New Yorkers that there has been no additional movement of the structure since yesterday morning," Mamdani said. "This continues to be monitored, as that emergency work is underway."

But what caused the near-disastrous structural failure remained unknown, prompting the DOB to launch an investigation.

PHEW! The NYPD locks down the area around a Midtown tower where on Tuesday beams on the 21st floor buckled. Work crews (left) added additional supports (right), and the building was declared stable Wednesday allowing for an investigation.

The affected area was below a "bump out" section added to the building during renovations that horizontally extend its 23rd through 32nd floors, city Comptroller Mark Levine posted on X.

Contractors with MetroLoft were converting the former office building into residences, with 1,600 apartments slated to open in 2027. The job, which began in 2024, was touted as the city's largest office-to-residence conversion by the project's architects, the Gensler firm.

Structural engineers told The Post that any probe would likely focus on the added section at the top of the tower.

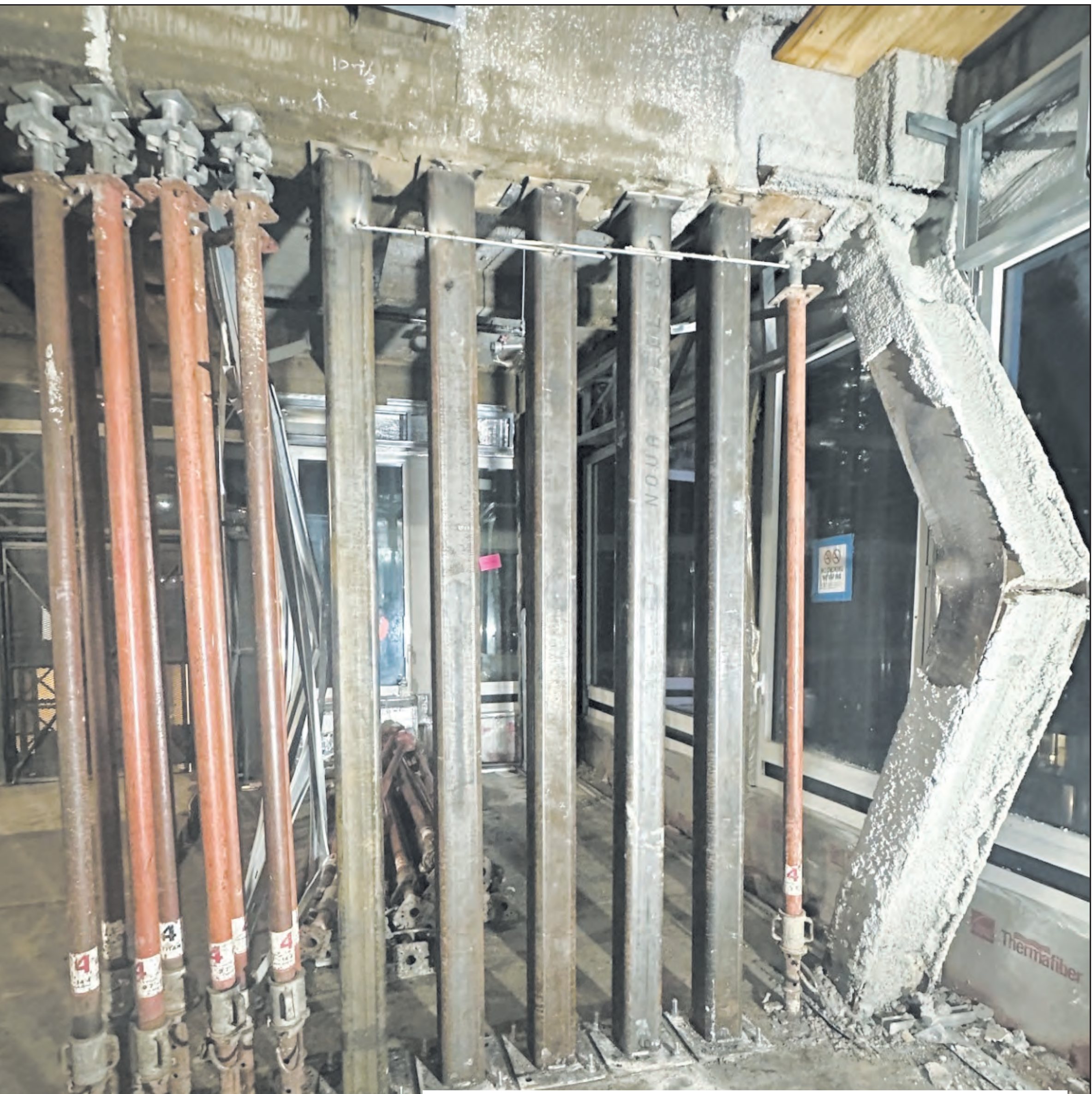
Converting buildings from offices to residences requires meticulous calculation and planning, as loads can shift during construction, said Michael Shenoda, chair of civil engineering technology at Farmingdale State College.

Search for answers

"It's really a matter of the loading that came in after," he said. The building is over 40 years old. The original design seems to have been sufficient — it's the changing nature of the loads after that seems to have caused it."

One cause could be if contractors stacked construction materials beyond what the design called for, said James LaFave, a profes-

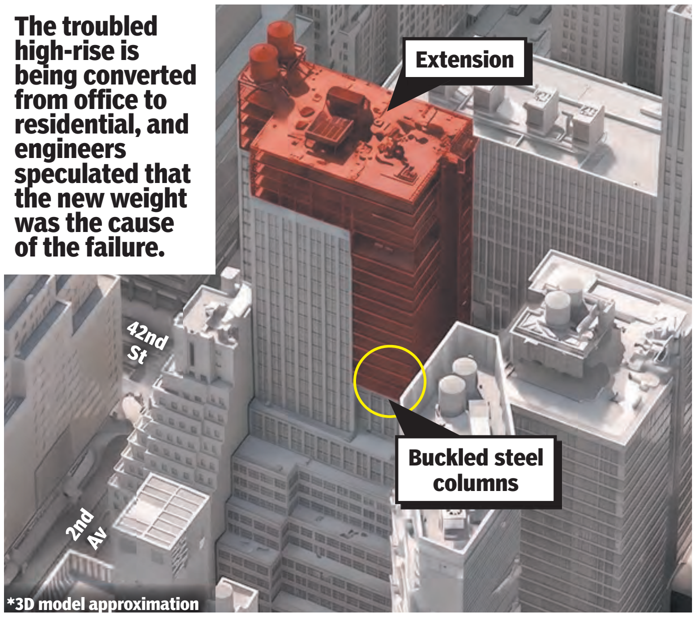
‘PROPPER’ JOB



NYC Department of Buildings; Matthew McDermott (top left)

sor of civil engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He also said investigators should look into whether the building needed strengthening or if load-bearing beams were mistakenly removed.

“I think the biggest thing that’s going to come out of that forensic investigation is recommendations about next actions,” he said. “It could go all the way to requiring a partial demolition of those areas, while keeping others. Or maybe there could be a finding that the same items that was found to be a problem in this column yesterday is a more broad problem.”



The troubled high-rise is being converted from office to residential, and engineers speculated that the new weight was the cause of the failure.

*3D model approximation

Fled hotel ‘naked & afraid’

By XAVIER SERRANO, GEORGETT ROBERTS and GREG CARLTON

Hundreds of people remained under evacuation orders Wednesday more than 24 hours after they were forced to flee over fears a Midtown high-rise would collapse, including hotel guests completely caught off guard.

Cris Stennett, 47, a public health researcher, said she learned about the evacuation early Tuesday as she stepped from her hotel room’s shower and heard firefighters pounding on her door.

The firefighters gave “like 30 seconds” to get out, forcing Stennett to leave behind her ID and several other necessities, she said.

“I was naked and afraid, afraid and naked. I mean, I still had stuff on my body,” she said.

“It was definitely not a pleasant experience.”

The multiblock evacuation order that scrambled Stennett and others from the area near the afflicted high-rise at 235 E. 42nd St. narrowed a day later, but several buildings stayed off-limits, leaving scores of travelers, workers and business owners in limbo.

Four buildings — 815 Second Ave., and 225, 231 and 235 E. 43rd St. — remained under a full vacate order, city officials said.

The ground-floor restaurant at 217 E. 43rd St., Yakiniku Toraji, was under a partial vacate order, according to officials.

The city kept East 42nd and 43rd Streets between Second and Third Avenues blocked to vehicles, but let local residents, workers and visitors return, so long as they weren’t going to the four buildings still under an evacuation order.

Still, many New Yorkers were unlucky enough have business in the closed buildings.

Shawn Williams, 59, a retired corrections officer, said she drove from Harlem twice in as many days to pick up her pain medicine from her doctor’s office in an affected building before a trip to Connecticut.

‘$58 for nothing’

“I came yesterday and I couldn’t get in,” she said. “So, I change my appointment for today and now they are closed.

“Yesterday, I paid $35 for parking and today I paid $58, for nothing.

“I’m going to go to the ER to get medicine because I cannot do without it. I can go into withdrawal so I have to have it.”

Minas Galitsis, 47, the general manager at The Casual Greek Restaurant at 44th Street and Second, had to close the eatery Tuesday.

He was able to reopen the next day, but lamented the lost business.

“Thankfully nobody got hurt, but somebody’s gotta be held accountable,” Galitsis fumed. “No one’s taking accountability for all the businesses that had to close.”

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Gripe over love-it-or-leave greet a petty joke

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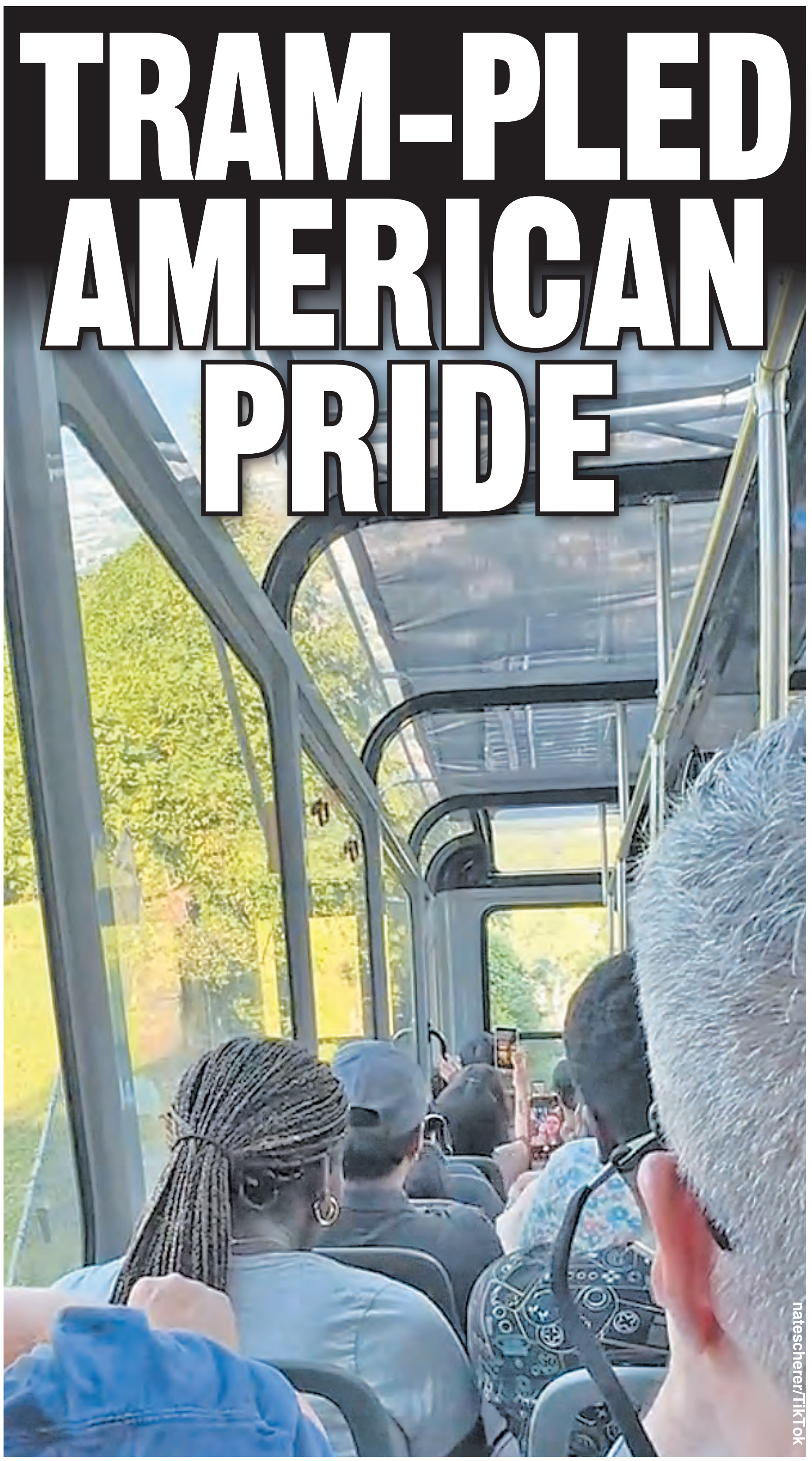
TRAM-PLED AMERICAN PRIDE



natescherer/TikTok

OFF THE RAILS: A tram conductor was fired after a viral complaint stemming from his remarks telling passengers to leave if you don't love America.

PICTURE this.

July 4, 2026. It's America's 250th birthday, and you're on an incline tram climbing up Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The conductor takes the microphone and says, "To the very, very few Americans in here, Happy Independence Day."

He then adds, "To the rest of you, welcome to the greatest country on the face of the planet, and if you disagree, you can leave."

Do you laugh, pump your fist and proudly sing a line of Rick Derringer's "Real American"? Or do you complain to the Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority, which operates the ride?

Offended passenger Nathan Scherer chose the latter — along with posting a petty video that has gone viral.

In the end, conductor Jack Peterson was the one told to leave. Fired over a simple love-it-or-leave-it sentiment.

Why so extra?

On TikTok, Scherer added the sensational hashtags #xenophobia and #racism, even though there was no suggestion of either. Why does his mind go to such a pessimistic place?

After all, I have heard so many immigrants convey the same message: They do love this country.

You'd be hard-pressed to find one who isn't grateful they have been given the lottery ticket to live here.

Why else do we think all of these people who illegally spilled over the border under Biden are fighting tooth and nail to stay?

As for foreigners in general — look no further than the international soccer fans who have recently descended upon our shores and flyover states and delighted in the discovery of American hospitality, unique landscapes, and food like ranch dressing.

Yes, even our condiments make people love this land.

Heck, even America's worst critics are mounting legal challenges to remain. Just look at anti-Israel rabble rouser Mahmoud Khalif, who is dying to stay here despite calling our nation an unjust hellhole every two seconds.

Great country, this America!

But back to Chattanooga. Nathan Scherer's father, Charles was also infuriated.

"It just really upset me, the whole time riding down," he told WTVC, adding that he was embarrassed because his granddaughter was on board.

I don't know what goes on in their household. But if your granddaughter's ears are too sensitive for some good-old fashioned declaration of American pride, may I suggest she apply to be an intern for Mayor Mamdani? He delivered a speech on July 3 that might be more to the Scherers' taste, saying of some unnamed "powerful" cabal: "America, in their view, is an arena of supremacy, where only a select few are allowed freedom, where not all are created equal."

How cynical.

Or perhaps there is a job opening with soon-to-be Congresswoman Claire Valdez, who posted on X: "This 4th of July we recommit ourselves to remaking it. To fight for liberation from Palestine to Puerto Rico, for a Green New Deal, for the world we deserve."

Who shows up to someone's big birthday party and gives a speech about how much they suck? There are 364 other days of the year to lob insults.

Same goes for the Scherers. It was America's big, giant awesome birthday — and a day to be unflinchingly patriotic and reverent. Even if that means a little hyperbole.

Love over loathe

Look, I don't know what the deal is with Peterson. Maybe he was already on probation for loving America too much and inappropriately touching our flag, or for playing Lee Greenwood on repeat inside his train. Perhaps this was the last straw after he made a habit of showing off his bald-eagle tramp-stamp tattoo to passengers.

Maybe his employer was just looking for an excuse to send him packing and the Scherer family provided the HR lady the last bit of ammo needed to cut him loose.

"I truly do believe we are the greatest country on earth," Peterson told WTVC. "My statement about if you don't like the country and don't believe we are the best, then you can leave, is a freedom of the USA that many other countries do not have."

Scherer and his father have a right to be offended, but they don't have a right to be taken seriously. Clutching ye olde pearls because someone said love America or leave it is a wild state of affairs.

The default should be love — not self-loathing.

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Bookies beat out books

The writing's on the wall.

Fewer than half of all American adults read a single book in the space of a year — fewer than placed a bet on sports, data shows.

The proportion of Americans who read for pleasure on any given day fell from 28% in 2004 to 16% in 2023, the American Time Use Survey by the National Endowment for the Arts found.

That figure included people who had read a book, e-book, magazine, or newspaper, or who had listened to an audiobook.

There's a much better chance of finding a gambler than a reader: In 2025, according to the survey, 57% of Americans placed a bet either online or in person.

The reading decline cut across all age groups, genders, and education levels, with even the groups traditionally most inclined to love the written word — retirees, women, and college graduates — turning away from books.

The survey also found the reading tastes have changed.

In 1958, the best-selling novel was an English translation of Boris Pasternak's "Doctor Zhivago," The Atlantic reported. Last year, that honor went to "Sunrise on the Reaping," the latest in the " Hunger Games" series.

Anthony Blair

July 4th NY vandalism

A crew of vandals trashed a July Fourth celebration upstate by scrawling hateful graffiti on a massive replica of the Declaration of Independence.

Putnam County officials said the hooligans scrawled "free Palestine," "abolish ICE" and "500 years of genocide" on an oversized replica of the historic document in Carmel, NY, meant to be signed by locals honoring America's 250th birthday. Instead, it's now part of a local police probe.

"What individuals did was grossly disrespectful," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne.

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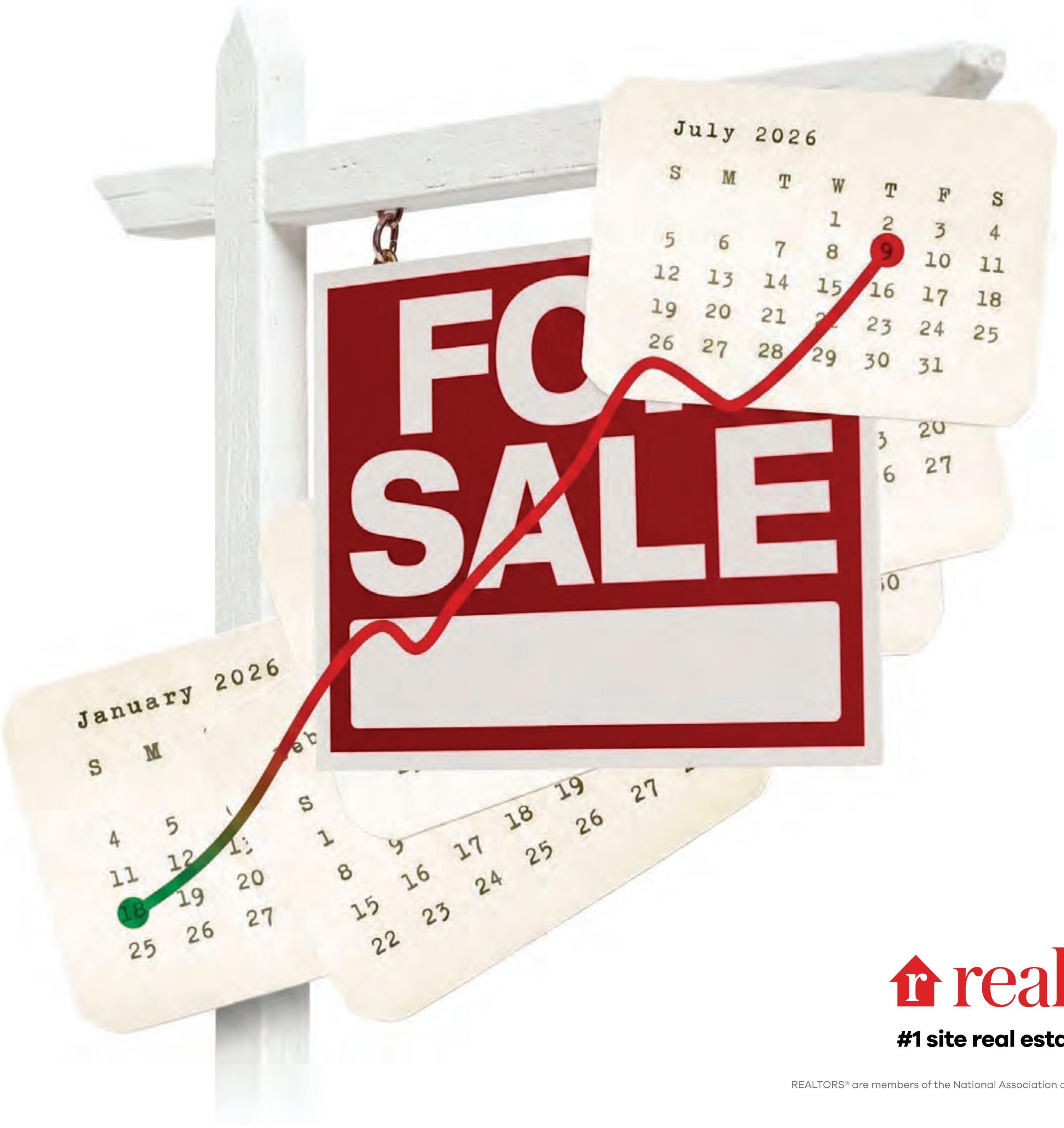

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Dog has its Tay

YOU may not have heard, but **Taylor Swift** got married last weekend. And now Page Six hears that she and groom **Travis Kelce** have also crossed off another box on the "domestic bliss" checklist: We're told the pair has a dog. In fact, we're told they've had the fluffy friend since sometime around New Year's. Apparently it's white, but no word as of yet on its name. Swift has owned several cats, one named **Olivia Benson** after the "Law & Order" character. Swift grew up with dogs, but she is famous for having an intense love of cats instead. It's unclear what breed the pooch is. Reps didn't get back to us.

'Old' & newborn

LUKE Wilson and his girlfriend, **Kendall Yates**, have welcomed their first child together. The "Old School" star, 54, and Yates, 24, were seen holding their newborn daughter in a carrier at a press reception for the actor's forthcoming Netflix series, "The Hawk," at the Resort at Pelican Hill in Newport Beach, Calif., People reported yesterday. According to the outlet, the couple introduced their bundle of joy to fellow actors and attendees at the starry event. A rep for Wilson (above) wasn't available to Page Six for comment. He and Yates have been dating since at least 2023.

Heated & cooler'd in the skies

FASTEN your seat belts and stow your tray tables! It's a high-flying he said-she said.

Turbulence has hit the skies surrounding tech billionaire **Peter Thiel** after a flight attendant accused the investor's husband, **Matt Danzeisen**, of "violently" throwing cooler bags at her aboard the couple's private jet — with her attorney accusing the wealthy pair of "bullying" his client.

Danzeisen's team is claiming "extortion," with his attorney blasting the accusations as a high-altitude "shakedown."

In a claim filed Monday in California federal court, flight attendant **Stefanie Bojar** alleges that Danzeisen — the head of private investments at Thiel Capital — injured her on a July 2024 flight from Idaho to DC. She says the financier became angry when a bathroom was occupied with "several heavy cooler bags and kitchen equipment provided by the private chef." Danzeisen "demanded immediate access," according to papers. As Bojar "dragged two heavy cooler bags into the aisle . . . Danzeisen abruptly shoved her aside and, in a violent outburst, began throwing the cooler bags directly at her." Bojar alleges he left her "lying on the floor in pain and in tears, humiliated in front of multiple witnesses and terrified that Danzeisen would emerge from the lavatory and attack her again."

His attorney slammed the allegations, saying it's all hot air. "This is a shakedown about a bag that bumped into someone's leg, and we do not pay out to shakedowns, so we will see everyone in court," he told Page Six.

Danzeisen claims Bojar "has waged a campaign to extort" him and Thiel, "seeking millions because a soft fabric cooler bag allegedly made contact with her leg." He also says she "has collected six figures and counting" in workers' comp from the airline management company.

But Bojar's attorney tells Page Six that this is a case of wealthy individuals bullying the little guy, "weaponizing the legal system to intimidate" Bojar, who flew more than 200 flights with the couple starting in 2022.

Rancher dude Jeff Bezos shows off wife Lauren Sánchez at sleepaway camp for billionaires, the Sun Valley Conference, in Idaho.

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Full-grown 'Girl'

LINDSAY Lohan got toasted in the Hamptons — but not in the way she used to. The "Mean Girls" star celebrated her 40th birthday, renting out part of Le Bilboquet in Sag Harbor for a party of about 60. We hear her whole family was present, including husband **Bader Shammas**, mother **Dina**, dad **Michael** and siblings **Ali**, **Dakota** and **Michael Jr**. Basketball star **Steph Curry** and wife **Ayesha** — who met Lohan in Dubai through a mutual friend and are godparents to Lohan's son — were also there to help blow out the candles. We hear the former wild child toasted the party with a heartfelt speech, reading off her phone: "Some of you have known me since I was a little girl and some have become lifelong friends along the way. Every one of you has helped shape the person that I am today." A spy tells us there was a cocktail reception outside before the party moved indoors for a surf-and-turf dinner, which was followed by a pink cake covered in flowers. "Lindsay is doing amazing and so happy," said a source.

Hey . . . sex sells

EMILY Ratajkowski has sold a book — "Mother F--ker," based on her viral essay for the Cut — to Penguin Press, we have exclusively learned. The tome — which will feature candid details about the supermodel's sex life after giving birth and the end of her marriage — has landed a deal for seven figures following a 12-way bidding war between publishers, insiders tell us. Ratajkowski (above), who authored the 2021 memoir "My Body," doesn't name names in the Cut piece, but the upcoming book will likely spark an epic guessing game. While single, the model was linked to **Brad Pitt**, **Pete Davidson**, **Eric André**, **Harry Styles**, **Shaboozey** and **Austin Butler**.

Jack & Mags rock out & over

JACK Antonoff and **Margaret Qualley** have separated after less than three years of marriage, Page Six can confirm. Yesterday, a source described their relationship as "rocky" to People. "They argue a lot, and between her career and him constantly being on the road or working late in the studio, it's been difficult," they said. Meanwhile, a second source insisted they are "figuring things out." The couple sparked split rumors July 3 when the Bleachers frontman, 42, attended **Taylor Swift** and **Travis Kelce**'s MSG wedding with his sister, **Rachel** — while Qualley, 31, was absent. Amid rumors Qualley was too busy filming her next movie to attend the wedding, a source told TMZ she had wrapped in June. Ahead of their split, the couple had hinted at trouble for months. In April, Qualley changed her Instagram handle from @isimostar, which references Antonoff's song "Isimo," to @sarahmargaretqualley23. Other fans noticed Bleachers had removed the song "Margaret" from their tour setlist. And yesterday, fans noticed the actress had wiped all traces of her husband, including their wedding photos, from her Instagram.

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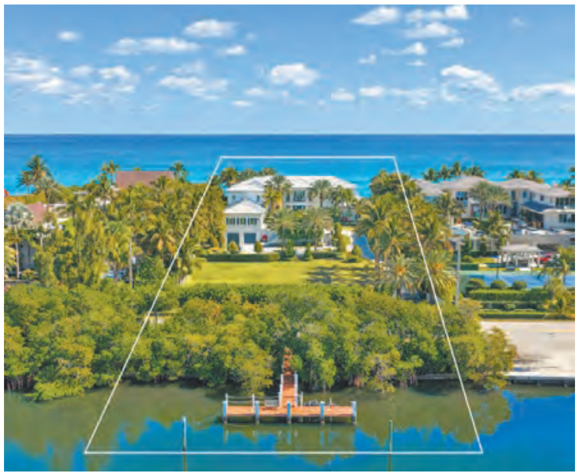

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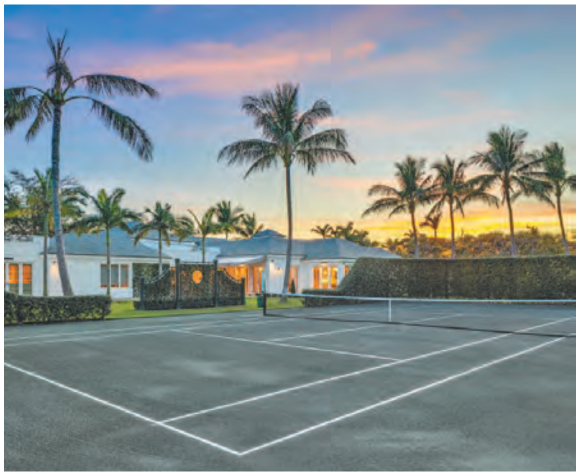

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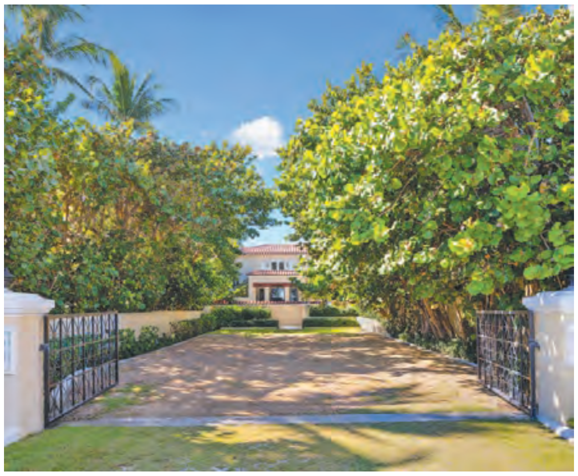

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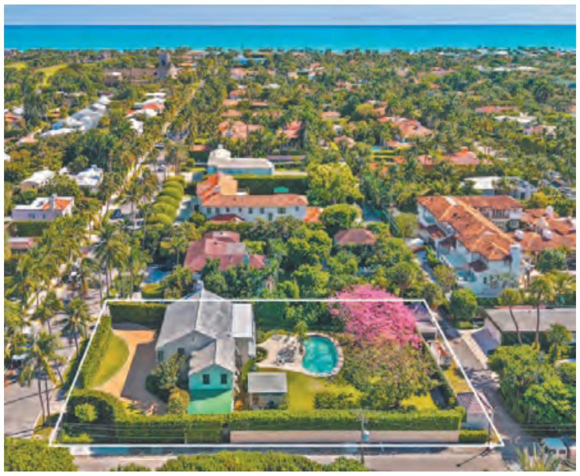

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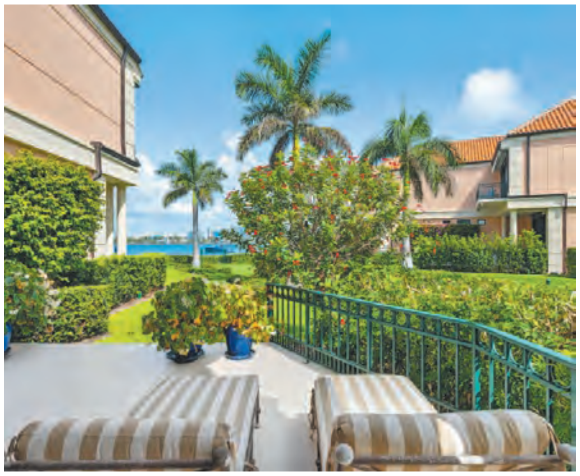

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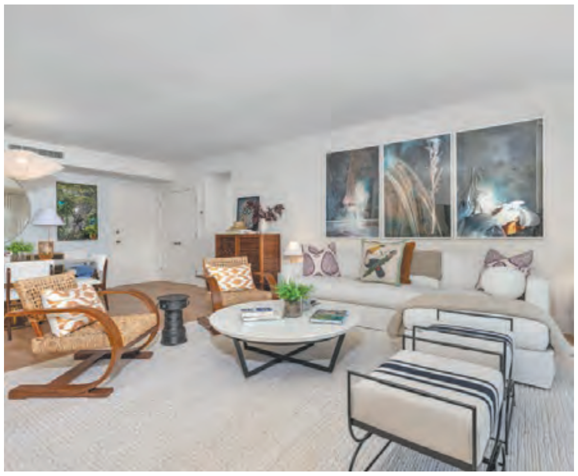

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Kirk redact heartbreak

Widow weeps at court ruling

SHROUDED: Erika Kirk (left) cried in court Wednesday at a decision to redact parts of a police interview with Lance Twiggs (right), lover of her husband's alleged killer.

By JARED DOWNING

Erika Kirk sobbed in the courtroom Wednesday after a Utah judge allowed certain parts of a bombshell video statement from Tyler Robinson's trans lover to be redacted.

Lawyers spent most of the day squabbling in court over what parts of the video — which shows a police interview with Lance Twiggs, 22 — could be broadcast at a preliminary hearing for Robinson, the alleged assassin of conservative activist and Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk.

Redacting the video "suggests to the public that something else is in there, that something else lurks in there that isn't," Erica Kirk's attorney Jeffrey Neiman said.

The hotly anticipated video shows Twiggs recalling a statement his lover made and discussing texts in which Robinson, 23, allegedly admits to killing Kirk last September at Utah Valley University in Orem — prompting Robinson's legal team to argue that showing it to the press would violate his right to not have a confession televised.

But withholding parts of the video, Nieman argued, would only foment the speculation and conspiracy theories surrounding the high-profile case.

"To not be transparent here, to not be open, to not let the world see what happened here would create doubt and distrust in the judicial system," the attorney said.

District Judge Tony Graf ruled the video would be redacted, but he gave prosecutors Wednesday night to edit it before showing it in court Thursday.

Prosecutors also questioned a state investigator about Robinson allegedly surrendering himself to authorities in his home county of Washington — three hours from Utah Valley University.

Never-before-seen footage showed Robinson in a Washington County interrogation room in the early morning hours of Sept. 12, 2025.

Robinson appears to be wearing the same clothes he was filmed wearing on the Utah campus when Kirk was killed Sept. 10.

Brian Davis from Utah's State Bureau of Investigation testified that Robinson's dad and neighbor — a retired sheriff — were with him when he turned himself in.

Call to clean UES towers

City Council Speaker Julie Menin is demanding the Mamdani administration order Upper East Side building owners to disinfect their cooling towers to prevent a further outbreak of Legionnaires' disease that has already infected at least 28 residents across two Manhattan neighborhoods.

Menin sent a letter to city Health Commissioner Dr. Alister Martin Wednesday requesting that he issue an emergency clean-up edict for towers in Carnegie Hill and Yorkville — as health officials scramble to locate the source of the dangerous outbreak.

"I am calling . . . to immediately order building owners to disinfect all cooling towers in the area of concern, starting near the epicenter and moving out, other than those where the Department has confirmed no Legionella bacteria is present," she wrote.

There are at least 28 confirmed cases of Legionnaires', including 21 people who have been hospitalized, according to the Health Department's online dashboard.

The department said Menin's request is "under review." *Carl Campanile*

Watch out, Democrats and socialists, Cindy Adams will return Monday.

ARMEL CRAWFORD
Killed mom in home: cops.

Queens bust in ma slay

A disgruntled son was arrested in the fatal stabbing of his retired correction-officer mom in their Queens home, according to authorities and family members.

Armel Crawford, 26, was arrested in the Tuesday slaying of Joanne Crawford, 61, in their Nameoke Avenue home in Far Rockaway, the NYPD said.

Joanne was found with multiple stab wounds at around 10:40 a.m. and was pronounced dead at the scene, cops said.

Crawford was cuffed and hours later charged with murder and criminal possession of a weapon Tuesday night, police said.

Joanne's cousin Barry Crawford told reporters at the scene her son had a tense relationship with his mother over her correction-officer job.

The gig had kept her out of the house, and Armel felt he didn't have the "quality time" with his mother that he wanted while growing up, the cousin said.

Barry Crawford said he started "pouring tears" upon hearing of his cousin's death.

"We've been close since we were little kids. I'll love her and miss her forever," he said. "Anyone who knew Joanne Crawford knew she was a loving person."

Zoe Hussain, Amanda Woods

'ABANDON' SHIP

Hamptons developer in 'crash & flee'

'SPEED' BOAT: Major Hamptons developer Peter Mangiameli was reportedly hit with two felonies for allegedly crashing his boat while speeding in Sag Harbor Bay and fleeing as authorities treated his injured friends.

Instagram; Twitter/Peter Mangiameli

By MARTHA WILLIAMS

A top Hamptons developer — who's built homes in the enclave's most exclusive ZIP codes, including Sagaponack, Water Mill and Sag Harbor — is in deep water after crashing his boat into a jetty over the July Fourth weekend, snapping a pal's femur and allegedly fleeing the scene.

Cops have reportedly charged Peter Mangiameli with two felonies after he allegedly crashed his 35-foot cruiser in Sag Harbor Bay late Sunday night at "unsafe speeds," leaving at least two of his passengers unconscious.

South Hamptonite Mangiameli touts himself as "a visionary real estate developer who has designed and built some of the most prestigious estates in the Hamptons."

Home turf

His clients include "A-list celebrities, socialites, top executives, and financiers from around the world," according to his website.

Mangiameli's builds — which go for up to $22.5 million — include a 10-bedroom, 16-bathroom Sagaponack mansion that hit the market for $15.7 million, and boasts a tennis court, pool house and sauna.

Another is a $9.1 million Sag Harbor estate — complete with an infinity pool, spa, full outdoor kitchen and a private dock.

The Sag Harbor Express reports that Mangiameli, 57, was at the helm just after 10 p.m., returning from Shelter Island into Sag Harbor Bay with eight friends when his boat hit the Sag Harbor breakwater jetty, a concrete wall that juts out into the waterway.

Police said the passengers were thrown "violently about" leaving one with a compound fracture of the femur that required emergency surgery, another with fractured ribs and at least two more unconscious, the paper reports.

The boat, it seems, was able to limp back to dock, where officers were waiting for it to pull in.

Cops say Mangiameli apparently slipped away in the chaos while his friends were being treated.

He turned himself in Monday, the Express reports, and was arraigned Tuesday on charges including second-degree assault and failing to report the accident.

Mangiameli has retained Edward Burke, the attorney who represented Justin Timberlake after his Sag Harbor DWI arrest.

When Burke described Mangiameli at his arraignment as a "pillar of the community" who owns a home on North Sea Road, the developer couldn't resist correcting the record: "I own several homes."

He was reportedly released without bail.

Burke and Mangiameli didn't respond to requests for comment.

Teen 'perv' bust on R train

A teen creep was nabbed for allegedly sexually abusing a woman riding a Manhattan train with four kids and then brushed it off as "my bad" — only to be cut loose by a judge shortly after his arrest, prosecutors and sources said.

Ari Shtein, 18, allegedly reached into the 30-year-old victim's underwear and placed two fingers inside her private area as he stood behind her on an R train at 28th Street in Chelsea around 3 p.m. June 28, according to a criminal complaint.

"My bad, didn't know you were going to react that way," said Shtein, of Washington, DC, who does not know the victim, according to the sources.

Shtein was charged with sexual abuse and other charges and released on his own recognizance.

Joe Marino and Amanda Wood

NJ couple 'murder-suicide'

A federal DHS special agent fatally shot his wife before turning the gun on himself at their New Jersey home, according to officials.

The body of Kelly Iatauro, 46, was found in the couple's Glynn Court home in Sayreville Friday night, while the body of husband Christopher Iatauro, 52, was found in the backyard from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office said.

The deaths are being investigated as a murder-suicide, the prosecutor's office confirmed in a statement. It was unclear what led to the bloodshed.

Christopher Iatauro was a special agent for the Department of Homeland Security, according to 2019 and 2020 records obtained by local outlet NJ-101.5.

DHS did not immediately respond to a request for comment. *Patrick Reilly*

‘Feral kids’ family pain

Ugly death threats

By CHRIS BRADFORD

A distant relative of the 16 “almost feral” children rescued from a feces-filled Ohio house of horrors said his whole family has been getting death threats even though they had no idea what was happening there.

Ronnie Fletcher — who is married to a daughter of Gary Siders Sr. and Christina Siders — told WOWK he was “horrified” to learn of the children living in squalor in a cramped 12-by-12 room after the shocking allegations emerged last week.

“It’s been awful for the people that had no idea that was going on the house that are related to this family,” the dad of three said.

“I mean we’ve had death threats — we’ve been told that we need to be put in front of an execution line of guns and . . . killed and burned.”

Fletcher said his children have even been targeted with threats — leaving his family living like “hermits.”

“It’s to the point we’ve had our pictures taken off our accounts and we’ve had to delete all our social media. It’s been awful,” he said.

“My wife’s not being able to go to work because she works within the public and she’s scared.

“So all this is taking money off our table because we can’t live our normal lives because the way these people are trying to treat us on something we didn’t have nothing to do with.

Fletcher said he thought that there were only 10 children living inside the home — as opposed to the 16 who were found.

“If we would have known that it was like that in that home, we would have done something about it, even if it was just to go there and take the kids ourselves or give them money,” he said.

Gary Siders, 73, Christina Siders, 67, Gary Siders Jr., 36, and Elizabeth Siders, 33, were all charged with 16 counts of child endangerment after cops swooped on the home to carry out a warrant for an unrelated investigation.

Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson had said investigators wore masks as they made their way inside the trash-stacked home, adding that the children looked “almost feral.”

“Conditions you cannot even imagine people being in, let alone children being in,” he said.

Foul on WNBA: GOP

Caitlin Clark’s WNBA season has been dominated by headlines surrounding opponents’ physical play directed against her.

Now lawmakers are trying to make their voices heard with the league.

CLARK

Led by Republican Study Committee Chairman Rep. August Pfluger (Texas), a cohort of congressional reps wrote a letter to WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert over what they have called “repeated acts of unnecessary physical hostility and violence” toward the Indiana Fever star.

The 11 GOP lawmakers said Clark has faced aggression on court and on social media, and it’s time for the league to do a better job officiating.

The Fever, according to ESPN, put out a statement and said the team and Clark were unaware of the letter beforehand and that there was no interaction between the Fever and the lawmakers.

“Our players and our fans know where we stand on those issues,” the Fever said, “and we will continue to stick up for our team and a standard of excellence across the league.”

Andrew Battifarano

MAN’S BEST

By MCKENZIE BEARD

Life isn’t so ruff for Lilo — at least, not anymore.

Three years ago, Luce Clark and her partner were traveling through the Indonesian jungle when they spotted a small white pup tumbling through the brush along a busy road. After being unable to find the family he belonged to, they took him home.

These days, the scrappy rescue lives in Toronto, where he starts his mornings with a raw-meat breakfast, a mix of supplements and a goat’s milk “latte” before winding down at night on a red light therapy bed.

“I feel like he is my child. I want to make him feel good,” Clark, 27, told The Post. “Rather than waiting for any problems to arise, we’re using these small daily rituals so that hopefully, in the long run, we end up giving him a nice, long and healthy life.”

Lilo isn’t alone. A growing number of dog owners are investing significant time and money into increasingly elaborate pet wellness routines that rival — or exceed — their own.

Luxury hotels and apartments offer canine massages and “pawdicures,” while companies sell everything from AI-powered smart collars and laser therapy wands to at-home microbiome tests and infrared heating beds.

Americans spent a record $158 billion on their pets last year, with more than half health and wellness.

Here’s a look at four dogs — and the owners who love them — whose daily routines reveal what’s fueling the pet wellness boom.

Courtesy of Abby Beek

Courtesy of Amanda Loh

SITTING PRETTY: Abby Beek (above) uses a $749 HigherDOSE PEMF-therapy bed (top) for her pit bull mixes while dachshund Simba (right) gets an herbal bath to help relieve allergies as part of his wellness routine.

Lilo: the rescue basking in red light

Lilo may have been free, but he isn’t cheap anymore. The 3-year-old rescue’s wellness-focused lifestyle costs his owners about $4,800 annually.

His mornings begin with a long walk, where Clark prioritizes mental stimulation as much as exercise.

“We don’t want him just physically tired, it’s also ensuring he’s engaged and fulfilled,” she explained.

Back home, breakfast is a raw-meat diet rounded out with super greens, roasted vegetables, omega-3 oil, dental supplements and a goat’s milk wellness mix. Before settling in for the day, Lilo tackles enrichment games that force him to sniff out hidden treats.

Come evening, he climbs onto an $800 Beddie Pet Therapy Bed for a 10-minute red light session while Clark slips on her own $600 Shark CryoGlow LED and cooling mask.

“It’s become a ritual, it’s how we wind down for the evening,” said Clark, who tried the technology after hearing a rumor it helped Paris Hilton’s Chihuahua live to 25.

The strongest evidence supporting red light therapy for dogs is in treating musculoskeletal pain and promoting wound healing. Much of the research was conducted using high-powered veterinary lasers rather than the lower-intensity home devices.

“Lasers are focused and stronger in intensity, so they can reach deeper into the tissue than red light therapy, which uses more diffuse light and is likely only effective at or near the surface of the skin,” said Dr. Julie Hunt, a veterinarian with Embrace Pet Insurance.

While the jury is still out on whether red light can help dogs live longer lives, some experts say the unproven therapy probably wouldn’t hurt.

Simba and Kovu: small dogs, serious self-care

Amanda Loh is the first to admit her two dachshunds, Simba, 5, and 6-month-old Kovu have a better wellness routine than she does.

“I don’t take care of myself as well as I do them,” said the 29-year-old Los Angeles resident. “It is crazy to think about, though, because when I was a kid, dogs were just kept outside.”

For Simba, the extra attention started out of necessity. The pup has gut sensitivities, allergies and joint issues. Like many dachshunds, he’s also at higher risk for spinal disc disease.

To keep him comfortable — and head off future problems — each day starts with a massage to check for pain along his spine, followed by stretches and a few minutes of physical therapy to build his core strength.

At mealtime, Loh rotates Simba’s protein intake and uses lick mats for enrichment. When allergy flare-ups hit, he gets an herbal bath with Epsom salts or magnesium flakes.

Red light is also part of his regimen several times a week. Simba first tried it at a hydrotherapy clinic while being treated for his knee. Now, he shares Loh’s $550 Mito panel at home.

“He sits on my lap next to it while I do it and I focus the red light on his back, and he seems to love it,” said Loh, founder of Way of Woof, which sells functional dog treats, including $24 probiotic peanut butter and $21 flavored goat’s milk that Simba loves.

SPEND FOR DOGS

‘Wellness’ a new way to pamper pooches

Courtesy of Luce Clark

HAVE A TREAT: Luce Clark sits for a red-light therapy treatment with her rescue dog Lilo, using a mask for herself and a $800 Beddie Pet Therapy Bed for her furry pal.

Simba also occasionally hops onto a vibration plate — another growing wellness trend marketed to improve strength and recovery.

The treatment is still being researched, but one study found dogs with hip dysplasia built more muscle and owners reported less pain after regular whole-body vibration therapy.

“The treatment should be mild vibration, and it should not be used if the pet has a severe injury or a broken bone,” said Dr. Tom Ingegno, DACM, MSOM, LAC, a certified animal acupuncturist who uses the technology. “Also, never force the pet onto the plate.”

Last year, Loh estimates she spent $4,200 on Simba’s care. Looking ahead, she’s eager to take Simba to an acupuncturist.

“Acupuncture has been used on animals as long as it has been used on people,” said Ingegno. “Most animals show some improvement within a few treatments.”

Harvey and Azula: recovery is part of the workout

For, Abby Beek, a certified dog trainer in Austin, Texas, recovery is a nonnegotiable part of her two pit bull mixes’ fitness regimen.

“High-impact activities like fetch can be detrimental to their joint health because it puts so much strain on their muscles,” Beek, 27, said. “Making sure you help them properly recover is so important in making sure they can do the things they love.

“Anything we can do to extend valuable time with them, even if we don’t know if it actually works, is worth it.”

After every long hike, run or play session, her dogs, Harvey and Azula, spend time on a $749 pulsed electromagnetic field and infrared recovery bed from HigherDOSE before moving on to stretches and strength exercises.

PEMF gadgets use low-frequency electromagnetic waves to stimulate the cellular repair processes, a treatment that’s been used by veterinarians for decades, particularly in racehorses.

“PEMF therapy has demonstrated improved bone healing, improved wound healing, less use of pain medication post-op, improved prostatic hyperplasia and improved post-operative edema in dogs,” Hunt said.

Beek’s canine companions also get daily joint supplements.

“My focus is on keeping my dogs healthy and active for as long as possible,” she said. “Anything we can do to extend valuable time with them, even if we don’t know if it actually works, is worth it.”

Hadley and Harper: Making every day count

Claire McNab’s wellness routine for her two Malshis took on new urgency this year. Harper, 8, was recently diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma, a form of cancer. Hadley, 12, is also slowing with age.

“Right now, our focus is on doing everything we can to keep [them] healthy, comfortable and happy for as long as possible,” McNab said.

The sisters’ care costs the San Antonio family about $450 a month, or $5,400 a year. They, too, have a HigherDOSE PEMF pet bed that the dogs lounge on daily.

“Harper especially seems more relaxed and settled when she uses it,” McNab said. “It’s hard to say definitively what benefits are directly from the bed, but for us, it’s a combination of noticing that they genuinely enjoy it and the peace of mind that we’re doing everything we can to support their well-being.”

Both dogs also receive a daily dose of glucosamine to support their joints and overall wellness.

Experts note that most healthy dogs eating a complete diet don’t need supplements, though some products may benefit senior dogs or those with medical conditions, like Hadley and Harper.

Still, Ingegno urges owners to be skeptical of miracle claims.

“Supplements that seem too good to be true are often a fad, lack evidence or don’t even have the ingredients they claim to have,” he cautioned.

The bottom line

Dr. Hunt and Ingegno agree that these wellness tools may help improve a dog’s health or quality of life, but none is guaranteed to extend lifespan — and none is necessary to be a good owner.

Experts say the biggest returns still come from the basics.

“Prioritize exercise. Let them go outside. Give them good food,” said Dr. Jan Pol, a veterinarian and star of “The Incredible Dr. Pol” on Nat Geo Wild. “It’s basically the same as it is in people — if you eat right and you keep moving, you’ll live longer and feel better.”

For many owners, though, the high-end tools aren’t replacing those fundamentals but rather a way of giving their dogs every possible advantage.

As McNab put it: “When your dogs get older, you realize very quickly that you would do anything you can to keep them comfortable, healthy and happy for as long as possible.”

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Poll: Dem leading Lawler

Democrat Cait Conley holds a 6-percentage-point lead over two-term Republican Rep. Michael Lawler in the race for a hotly contested New York swing district, according to a poll released Wednesday by House Democrats.

Conley, an Army veteran, leads Lawler 51% to 45%, among likely voters in the Hudson Valley's 17th Congressional District in a survey conducted by FM3 Research for the House Majority PAC that the congressman dismissed as "cooked up."

The survey, conducted June 27-July 1, found that 55% of voters in the district have an unfavorable view of Lawler, while 39% have a favorable view.

President Trump's popularity is also underwater, with 60% viewing him unfavorably, 38% viewing him favorably. *Carl Campanile*

'ELEX FIXER' IN A FIX

DA probes LI school clerk's 'trashing ballots'

By BRANDON CRUZ

The Nassau County District Attorney's Office has launched a probe into a Long Island school election after a clerk was allegedly caught trashing voter ballots to help a local DJ win a school board race.

Hempstead Union Free School District Clerk April Keys and incumbent Board President Victor Pratt — also known as DJ Vic-Lover — are now the subjects of a criminal investigation after the district reportedly shared evidence that Keys ripped up ballots and smuggled them out of her office to a dumpster to help re-elect Pratt, a spokesperson for DA Anne Donnelly confirmed to The Post.

The spokesperson declined further comment.

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LAW & HOARDER: Hempstead Union Free School District Clerk April Keys (left) is accused of destroying ballots in a May school board race to help incumbent Victor Pratt (above) get re-elected.

In June, the school district released bombshell findings from an internal probe of alleged irregularities in its May school board elections.

Pratt won by just 81 votes — boosted by a suspiciously high number of absentee and early-mail ballots — even though he came in third on machine voting, the probe found.

The DJ and incumbent board of education trustee got 87% of absentee votes and 55% of early-mail votes, compared to just 27% of in-person machine votes — while other trustee candidates received fewer than 100 absentee and early-mail ballots combined, the probe found.

New Aug. vote

District officials found that Keys — who ran the election — allegedly tore up officially cast ballots and tossed them in the trash with the help of custodian Owen Peters and Pratt himself.

The bombshell revelation by the district prompted New York state to intervene and order a brand-new election slated for Aug. 17. The state also appointed a temporary clerk to oversee the new vote. Keys was placed on administrative leave, according to the district.

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Woke term paper on ‘racist’ border patrol

Daria’s writing on the gall

By MEGAN PALIN
and ISABEL VINCENT

BORDERLINE ABSURD: Mayor Mamdani-backed congressional candidate Darializa Avila-Chevalier (left) once blasted border enforcement in a City University of New York paper, saying the agency is steeped in “anti-Blackness and Islamophobia.”

Reuters

AFP via Getty Images

Darializa Avila-Chevalier wrote an academic paper concluding US border enforcement is rooted in “anti-Blackness and Islamophobia,” The Post has learned.

The Mayor Mamdani-backed congressional candidate — a member of the Democratic Socialists of America running in New York’s 13th District — uses a single case study to advance sweeping conclusions that the entire US counterterrorism system is structurally racist and designed to surveil perceived political foes.

Chevalier — who deleted old tweets saying she wanted to abolish police, prisons and borders, according to CNN — wrote the 2023 paper on the case of Abdikadir Mohamed, a Somali man with US permanent residency who was detained upon arrival at JFK Airport in 2017.

She focuses on Mohamed’s questioning by CBP’s Tactical Terrorism Response Team at the airport, claiming: “The TTRT’s practices and targeting of Mohamed was a form of border violence constitutive of a praxis of anti-Blackness and Islamophobia, ideologies central to the logic of American counterterrorism policy.”

Leaves out big details

A key detail her paper fails to mention is the closeness of Mohamed’s name to that of Abdikadir Mohamed Abdukadir, a wanted Somali terrorist from the radical jihadist organization Al-Shabaab, a likely explanation for his questioning. She also fails to offer any alternative measures for determining security threats in the 25-page paper, written while she studied at City University of New York.

Throughout Chevalier’s paper, she argues TTRT and Customs and Border Protection counterterrorism policies operate within what she describes as a “permanent state of exception” driven by “anti-Blackness and Islamophobia,” yet never concedes that many members of CBP are themselves black or follow Islam.

She also contends that counterterrorism measures at the US border are used not only to police migration but also to surveil “and control social movements” of people once they’re inside the country.

Chevalier’s paper, titled “The securitisation of immigration through the Tactical Terrorism Response Team,” describes US border enforcement as an extension of racialized state violence and frames counterterrorism as a mechanism for controlling Black Muslim refugees, rather than protecting national security.

She goes on to accuse “TTRT [of engaging] in a process I call social homicide, which subjects travelers to a condition of bare life,” a political theory describing people’s lives that are so restricted they are allowed to do little more than survive.

Chevalier claims the principal evidence for detaining Mohamed appears to have been a press release from Ogaden National Liberation Front found stored on his phone. However, in accordance with US counterterrorism laws, CBP has never publicly explained its reasons for detaining Mohamed.

Mohamed was transferred to ICE custody, where he spent 17 months and contracted tuberculosis before being released. He was never charged, and the handling of his case has been widely criticized.

Chevalier and CBP did not respond to The Post’s request for comment. The government agency also fought in court to keep the methods used by TTRT secret.

Mohamed submitted a statement to Congress in 2019, where he accused ICE and others of not following proper protocol and making his condition worse before his release.

Mounting scrutiny

The resurfaced radical writings of Chevalier — now a sociology doctoral candidate at CUNY — add to mounting scrutiny of her intentions as a candidate, after she pulled off a shock victory over Rep. Adriano Espaillat in the Democratic primary.

As previously revealed by The Post, she formerly held a leadership role in Columbia University’s Students for Justice in Palestine chapter, which demanded the “total eradication of Western civilization,” was part of the 2024 campus takeover and celebrated the Oct. 7 Hamas massacre as a “moral, military and political victory.”

Chevalier, 32, thanks several academics in the paper’s acknowledgements, including CUNY law professor Ramzi Kassem, whom it was revealed last week she is dating.

Kassem founded and co-directs CLEAR, a legal clinic that has represented clients challenging post-9/11 surveillance programs, terrorism watchlists and immigration enforcement.

Rocker gigs at ‘home’

It’s scenes from an Italian living room.

Long Island rocker and Billy Joel collaborator Mike DelGuidice opened a concert hall that’s become a home away from home, featuring his family piano, furniture and a touching section dedicated to his late dog and “best friend” Max.

“I really wanted this to be a family,” DelGuidice told The Post inside his new two-story Smithtown venue called Live On The Porch.

“Billy comes from Long Island. I come from Long Island. There’s something about being here — a warm and fuzzy feeling.”

The name DelGuidice chose is inspired by livestream shows he played during COVID-19 lockdowns around 2020, for which his beloved boxer, who passed away almost a year ago, often accompanied him. “He was a huge part of why Live On the Porch started, and so we never forget him,” DelGuidice said of his pooch.

Max was so in tune to the shows that he even perked up at DelGuidice’s usual closing number, an original song called “Until The End.” “He would know it was the end of the show — and that meatballs were coming next,” DelGuidice said.

Alex Mitchell

Firefighter hurt on LI

Long Island firefighters rescued a woman and three cats from a house fire that sent one of Bay Shore’s Finest to the hospital, officials said Wednesday.

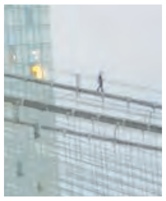
Seven fire departments showed up early Wednesday to battle the blaze on a burning and collapsing two-story home — as one person and the animals were trapped inside, according to the Bay Shore Fire Department.

One heroic firefighter, whose identity was not revealed, suffered burns to the legs and was transported to Stony Brook University Hospital, officials said. *Brandon Cruz*

Towering B'klyn Br. idiot

A daredevil was spotted strolling along the suspension cables of the Brooklyn Bridge Wednesday evening — prompting a massive rescue mission and shuting part of the historic span to traffic.

Terrifying video obtained by The Post captured a man walking on the steel cables (left) from a towering pillar on the bridge just before 7:40 p.m.



The unidentified climber was taken into custody (top) by the NYPD's Emergency Service Unit, hours after authorities began trying to talk him down.

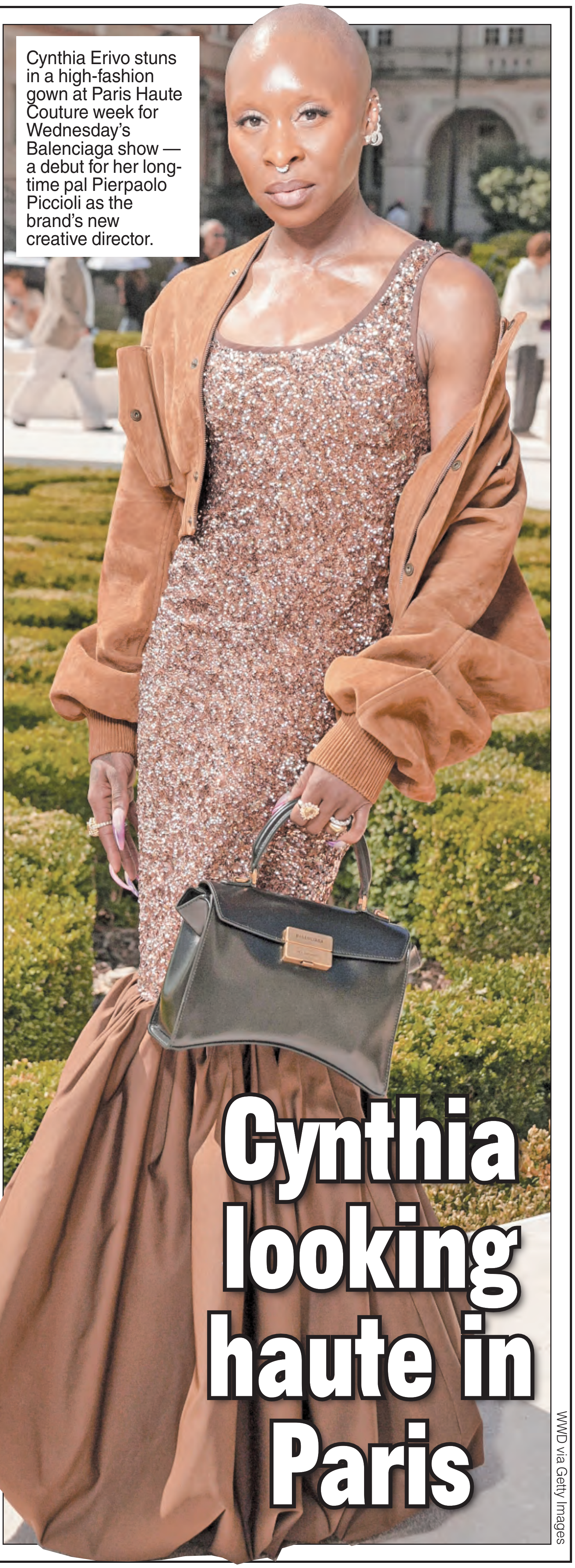
Eastbound lanes of the bridge heading toward Brooklyn were reopened by around 10 p.m. after being closed due to the stunt.

In 2022, a man scaled the cables of the Brooklyn Bridge, snarling morning rush-hour traffic for about 90 minutes. *Joe Marino and Zoe Hussain*

1K in Mich. ill from parasite

Nearly 1,000 people in Michigan have been diagnosed with a parasitic infection that can cause weeks of watery diarrhea, making it the largest such outbreak in state history and one of the nation's largest in years.

No deaths have been reported and the source of the cyclospora infections hasn't been identified. Officials said they usual get about 50 cases a year, and most of the cases are in the southeastern part of the state. AP



Cynthia Erivo stuns in a high-fashion gown at Paris Haute Couture week for Wednesday's Balenciaga show — a debut for her longtime pal Pierpaolo Piccioli as the brand's new creative director.

Cynthia looking haute in Paris

WWD via Getty Images

USPS IS $TICKING IT TO YOU

Stamps up to 82¢

By AURIELLE WEISS

You've got mail, and it's more expensive.

The government has done it again and found another way to make something more costly. Starting Sunday, the price of a first-class Forever stamp will increase by 4.8%.

That means the next time you need that tiny sticker in the right-hand corner of your envelope for things like bills, birthday cards or letters, you'll pay 82 cents and not 78 cents.

The move comes after the Postal Regulatory Commission, the federal agency that oversees the United States Postal Service, approved the hike back in May.

The agency has been facing financial challenges since 2007. In June, the postal service warned lawmakers it could run out of money within a year, urging Congress to approve some much needed changes.

Postmaster General David Steiner blamed a broken business model.

"The bottom line is that we are out of cash. We are borrowing from our employees' retirement funds to continue operations," Steiner's written testimony before a Senate committee said.

"The Postal Service has a broken business model and action is needed by Congress to fix it."

The USPS has reported net losses of about $120 billion since 2007, and one of the ways to continue making money is by looking at what works — first-class mail.

Back in April, the agency broke down its 10-year plan to "achieve financial stability," while keeping America's stamps the most affordable in the world.

The changes included the price of letters and postcards both domestic and international.

This is not the first time the USPS has raised prices. It's not even the second time or the third time. Since 2021, stamps for domestic letters have increased seven times. Here's a quick breakdown:

- Aug. 29, 2021 — 58 cents
- July 10, 2022 — 60 cents
- Jan. 22, 2023 — 63 cents
- July 9, 2023 — 66 cents
- Jan. 21, 2024 — 68 cents
- July 14, 2024 — 73 cents
- July 13, 2025 — 78 cents

And come Sunday, that price will be 82 cents, marking its eighth increase in five years.

The price of Forever stamps has doubled since they were first introduced back in 2007, when they cost just 41 cents.

Forever stamps were created to make mailing more convenient for consumers.

By keeping the current 1-ounce First-Class rate, they "eliminated the hassle" of having to buy small 1- or 2-cent stamps to cover inevitable postage price hikes.

According to the postal service, it does not receive any tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on postage sales, products and services to fund its operation.

The agency said it also has "some of the lowest mailing rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping."

Heroic dad dies in Md. blaze

A Navy veteran was killed running into his burning home to save his 10-year-old son, not knowing the boy had already escaped.

Christopher Gierhart, 50, died late Sunday after a fire, possibly started by a July Fourth firework, engulfed his Hollywood, Md., home, Chesapeake Today reported.

"The child's father had re-entered the residence in an attempt to locate the child," the Office of the State Fire Marshal said. "After extinguishing the fire, firefighters located the father deceased on the second floor. The child was later confirmed to have safely escaped." *Chris Bradford*

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♌ **LEO**
(July 24-Aug. 23)
You need to remind yourself that one of the biggest mistakes anyone can make is to get emotional about money, and possessions too. You may have been worrying about your cashflow situation but deep down you know it will work itself out.

♍ **VIRGO**
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Any day can be a new beginning but with Venus now moving into your sign this particular day is full of extra promise. What would you do if you knew you could not fail? Make that your guiding star for the immediate future.

♎ **LIBRA**
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
As your ruler Venus moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today you may be reluctant to show your face to the world. It's not that you are being unsociable, you just have matters to think about that require your mind to be calm.

♏ **SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
If you make an effort to reach out to people who share your way of looking at life they may persuade you to get more deeply involved in a cause that has been close to your heart for some time. Be a doer as well as a thinker.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
An opportunity to move up on the work front is heading your way and it is an opportunity you cannot afford to ignore. It may not seem much of a challenge right now but in time it will give you the chance to do something spectacular.

♑ **CAPRICORN**
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Cosmic activity in the most adventurous area of your chart is an invitation to spread your wings and fly off to places that excite you. If, however, you are tied down at home or at work you can still give your imagination permission to soar.

♒ **AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You need to get past the idea that you must be ruthless with people who either cannot keep up with you on the work front or who do not share your desire to change the world. The only person you must be ruthless with is yourself.

♓ **PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
If you find yourself having to dance to someone else's tune today, tomorrow and over the weekend that's fine. It may not be the tune you would have chosen but it is still good enough to inspire you to give an award-winning performance.

♈ **ARIES**
(March 21-April 20)
You will get the chance to shine on the work front today and people in positions of power will be impressed by your can-do attitude. While your rivals hesitate you will be pushing ahead in double time, because you know speed is what counts.

♉ **TAURUS**
(April 21-May 21)
Artistic and creative matters are under excellent stars, so make sure what you are working on conforms to your vision of who you want to be in the world not just today but well into the future. Make a masterpiece of your existence.

♊ **GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)
Venus in the domestic area of your chart will make it easier to get through to loved ones and share both your joys and your fears. But don't hog the conversation to such an extent that they can't get a word in edgeways. You've got to listen too.

BIRTHDAY THURSDAY

Your way with words will enable you to persuade just about anyone to do just about anything for you this year. But you must be responsible about how you use that power. Enrich yourself financially and emotionally, but help others enrich themselves too.

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Thursday

Today: Humid; a heavy t-storm this afternoon. High 81 to 87.

Tonight: Humid; a heavy t-storm early. Low 70 to 76.

Friday

Tomorrow: Showers and a heavier t-storm. High 86 to 92.

Tomorrow night: Clouds breaking; humid. Low 67 to 73.

Saturday

Partial sunshine. High 80 to 86.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 64 to 70.

Sunday

Mostly sunny. High 80 to 86.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 65 to 71.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

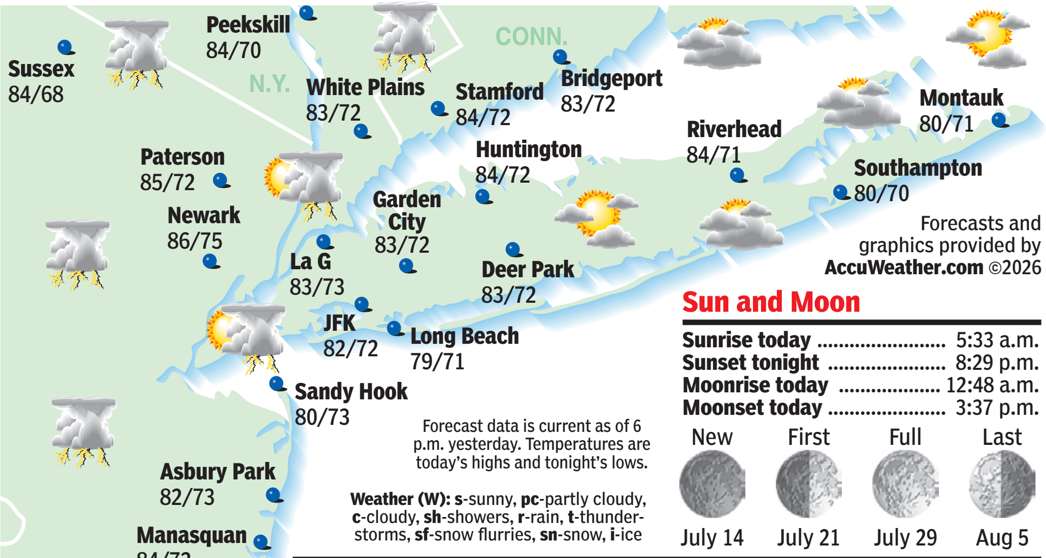
Temperature
High: 76, Low: 64, Mean: 70

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -7 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 1.49",
Year: 19.31", Normal year to date: 24.73"

Cooling Degree days yesterday.................5
Total for the month (normal).........102 (95)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........502 (403)
Last year to date......................................443
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 81
UV index (for Thu.) .... 7 (High)
Humidity (at noon) 60%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Trees, Weeds
AQI rating: (for Thu.) ....Moderate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Paterson 85/72
Huntington 84/72
Southampton 80/70
Garden City 83/72
Newark 86/75
La G 83/73
Deer Park 83/72
JFK 82/72
Long Beach 79/71
Sandy Hook 80/73
Asbury Park 82/73
Manasquan 84/72
Toms River 85/72
N.J.
Long Beach 81/73
Atlantic City 86/73
Ocean City 81/74

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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

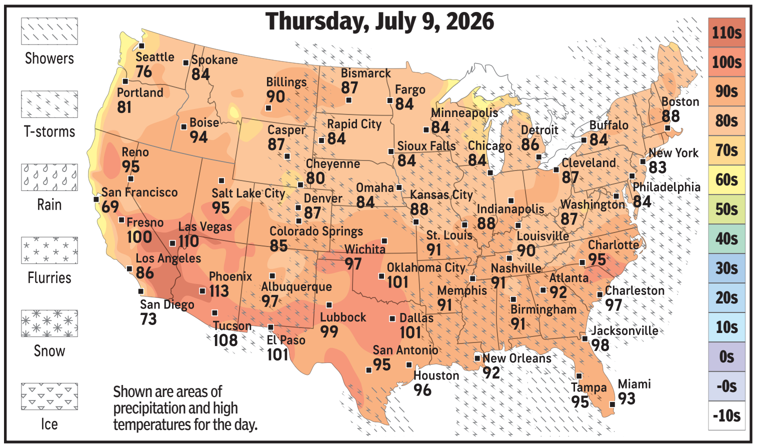
Weather (W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:29 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 12:48 a.m.
Moonset today .... 3:37 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
July 14	July 21	July 29	Aug 5

Thursday, July 9, 2026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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	2:59a	3:35p	4:05a	4:40p
Fire Island	3:03a	4:02p	4:13a	5:05p
Hempstead	6:51a	7:17p	7:59a	8:22p
Huntington	6:59a	7:23p	8:02a	8:24p
Jones Inlet	2:43a	3:19p	3:49a	4:24p
Montauk Point	4:24a	5:14p	5:29a	6:12p
Port Washington	6:47a	7:13p	7:55a	8:19p
Sandy Hook	3:03a	3:39p	4:09a	4:44p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	88/68/t	84/63/t
Danbury	85/71/t	88/68/t
Glens Falls	88/66/t	82/59/t
Gr Barrington	86/68/pc	83/61/t
Kingston	88/69/t	85/64/t
Liberty	83/65/t	80/60/t
Monticello	84/65/t	81/61/t
Newburgh	86/70/t	87/67/t
Poughkeepsie	88/69/t	87/66/t
Saratoga Springs	91/67/t	82/62/t
Stroudsburg	83/68/t	85/65/t
Torrington	85/69/t	86/65/t
Syracuse	88/69/t	83/62/t

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	90/69/t	87/67/s
Baghdad	109/87/s	111/89/s
Beijing	92/73/t	83/74/c
Berlin	77/55/pc	80/56/pc
Cairo	94/76/pc	96/75/pc
Dublin	75/57/pc	76/57/pc
Geneva	92/64/s	94/66/c
Hong Kong	90/81/sh	92/81/sh
Jerusalem	82/65/s	83/66/s
Kabul	93/67/pc	94/67/pc
London	95/71/s	91/65/s
Madrid	100/72/s	97/71/pc
Mexico City	73/54/r	75/56/r
Montreal	77/67/t	84/61/t
Moscow	68/60/c	79/63/sh
Paris	93/70/s	96/72/s
Rio de Janeiro	73/63/pc	76/66/pc
Rome	88/70/s	91/71/s
Sydney	62/51/pc	60/47/r
Tokyo	89/73/pc	91/74/pc

Hailing Heroes

Reclaim America's story from left's assault

AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin

States' pride: The National Mall featured 50 state displays on July 4.

TO conquer a nation, rob it of its history and heroes. That's a quick summary of Marxist strategy, and it's exactly what the American left has been up to.

President Trump used the celebration of our nation's founding to warn of Marxists' efforts to cancel our heroic Founders and erode our longstanding values. "You can be a communist or you can be a patriot. You can't be both," he declared at Mount Rushmore.

The gravest danger America faces today isn't a foreign power or a global pandemic: It's the ideological takeover of our young people's minds through our educational and cultural institutions. This Independence Day was a call to action in the war against that threat.

It was an opportunity to tell America's amazing story so that younger generations embrace the values that made this country free and prosperous: individualism and respect for property rights, not group grievances and utopian collectivism.

BETSY McCAUGHEY

In communism, there are no heroes, only oppressors and oppressed — and when you strip a country of its heroic past, you limit its future aspirations. Ordinary Americans get that. Some governors don't.

When every state was invited to outfit a booth on the National Mall to celebrate its distinct contributions to America, 10 governors — most suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome — refused to participate. They played right into the Marxist nihilists' hands.

So undaunted patriots from these states traveled to Washington, DC, on their own dime — and filled the booths themselves, instead of letting them sit bare. Donna Festinger, a retired teacher from Greenfield, Mass., drove nine hours to distribute 300 miniature maple syrup bottles, donated by a bottler in Shelburne, and other Massachusetts products to fairgoers.

Seattle radio host Ari Hoffman flew to DC and stepped into the breach left by Washington state Gov. Bob Ferguson. "He claimed they didn't have a booth for budget reasons, but spent $5 million on trans surgeries for convicted felons," Hoffman fumed, as he handed out American flags.

When Connecticut's Gov. Ned Lamont announced his boycott, I printed up large portraits of favorite sons Roger Sherman, Oliver Ellsworth and William Samuel Johnson — signers of the US Constitution — plus the celebrated Revolutionary War hero Nathan Hale. I went to DC on July 3 and used the state's otherwise barren booth to tell their immortal stories. We all came to celebrate our nation's heroes and our history, which the Marxists want to eviscerate.

They call themselves Democratic Socialists. "Doesn't that sound pretty?" Trump asked last week. "They're actually communists." Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) falsely claims, "How a person identifies in their economic view of the world is less important . . .than if we're making groceries more affordable."

A dangerous deception — our nation's prosperity hinges on perpetuating our values of free markets, individualism and property rights. Those values and affordability go hand in hand: Average individual wealth in the US is eight times that of collectivist China.

But self-described Democratic Socialist candidates are scoring victories across the nation, and young voters are the most receptive. A new Cato Institute survey found that a staggering 58% of Gen Z voters choose socialism over competing economic systems, with communism and capitalism vying for second place. That's a wake-up call.

The July 4 festivities were a start, but rooting out the far-left indoctrination that's burrowed into our schools and culture will take more than a weekend.

On Monday, the White House blasted the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History for "refusing to celebrate the Nation and its history," instead telling a story of "regret, tragedy and shame." It's demanding immediate reform.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is launching a new History of Communism standard in Florida schools to teach students about the "catastrophic failures and human suffering caused by communist regimes."

Those of us in blue states have little hope for a similar initiative, but we *can* take more control of what our children and grandchildren are reading. When I was a kid, I spent hours at the local public library reading every biography of great Americans I could find, from Paul Revere to Clara Barton to Thomas Edison.

Biography teaches that individuals, not groups and classes, make history. Heroes inspire.

When kids go to college, it's hard to avoid Marxist indoctrination. Instead of laughing it off, set them straight about the brainwashing they're getting — and what they have to learn from heroes like George Washington or Douglas MacArthur.

America has a phenomenal story to tell. Tell it well and the Marxists will lose.

FAST TAKES

Conservative: Dems Totally Gaslit Us on Platner

"Even before all the scandals," fumes National Review's Jim Geraghty, the left celebrated disgraced Democrat Graham Platner "with an astonishing degree of credulity and acclaim," given his total obscurity and "poppycock" public persona. As "disturbing revelations" from his past piled up, Platner insisted "he had no other dark secrets," and "Democrats lined up to endorse him" even though (or maybe because) "he had just arrived on the scene." His only strong belief was that "Israel was evil and controlled Washington," but top Democrats insisted this "scuzzy" candidate was "solid and reliable." Such massive "gaslighting" by the Democrat leadership served to conceal the fact that "Graham Platner is an awful human being," a fact that was "as hidden as a supernova from the start."

Democrat: The DSA Is Wrecking Our Party

"The democratic socialist surge" has "stunned the nation," observes Evan Barker at the Free Press — but "I wasn't surprised": "I taught DSA-aligned staffers how to build a money machine for the left; coached progressive politicians on how to speak to donors; and collaborated with billionaires to create a robust fundraising network." But I also "witnessed a daily bashing of white people, animosity for the 'deplorables' who voted for Trump, deep hatred of men, and an obsession with race that infiltrated every conversation." The only hope? That Democrats "condemn" these radicals' "belief systems" and show the world how they've driven "the party of the working class" to abandon "every ideal it claims to represent." Otherwise, "this far-left earthquake . . . will not stop in deep-blue cities."

From the right: The 'Commie' Title Fits

In his Mount Rushmore speech, President Trump warned that "our American identity [is] under a renewed attack, a generation after we fought and won the Cold War against the menace of communism," yet a week later, "more socialists had won Democratic Party primaries," grumble the Washington Examiner editors. Many Democrats view the DSA "as invaders who used the Democratic Party's structure to power their campaigns" — to defeat incumbent *Democrats*. No surprise, "there hasn't been a lot of noise from mainstream Democrats in defense of the DSA." But that's also because Dems know that "for some of the DSA winners, the communist label either fits or comes uncomfortably close." But Trump is right: Communism "the enemy of free people everywhere" — and it "never works."

Legal take: The 'Predictable' Justices Are *Libs*

John Roberts

Critics slur the Supreme Court's conservative majority as a "predictable bloc," yet it actually "has fluid majority coalitions that don't produce consistent conservative wins," correct Elizabeth Price Foley and Mark Pinkert at The Wall Street Journal. Unlike the Democrat-appointed justices, their Republican-tapped counterparts have outliers who often stray from originalism toward other methods of interpretation. In Trump v. Slaughter, all six Republican-appointed justices used originalism, but Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh abandoned it "in favor of pragmatism" in Trump v. Cook, proving their "methodological flexibility" gives liberal justices the ability to win. Ironically, Dems' demands to "pack the court" would create what they wrongfully claim is happening now: a "partisan branch, producing predictable results and destroying the judiciary's independence forever."

Real-estate: How Biden Drove Up Housing Costs

Home prices and rents "increased by 30%" after millions of illegal immigrants flooded into our country under President Joe Biden's "lax" border policies, notes The Washington Times' Kelly Sadler. A study shows "a 1% increase in unauthorized workers . . . corresponded with about a 2.2% rise in home prices," because "homebuilding did not keep pace with the rising demand." Indeed, the "border crisis" accounted for "100% of all rental growth" in New York and California. The Trump administration is working to "ensure taxpayer-funded housing programs" are not benefitting "illegal aliens," yet nonetheless, Biden's red-carpet approach to the waves of illegal immigrants that headed for America "did indeed place the American dream of homeownership out of reach for many U.S. citizens." *— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board*

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No More Cease-Fires

Pray President Trump means it this time when he says the Iran cease-fire is "over." Because so far, Iran has only jerked us around, without giving the faintest hint it'll *ever* agree to *any* US demands.

"I think we wasted a lot of time," huffed Trump, after ordering strikes on Iran in response to its attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz. *Uh, no kidding!*

"We should just do our business," he added. "I don't want to deal with them anymore."

Trump should've never agreed to a cease-fire deal in the first place — certainly not one that made generous concessions to Iran. For starters, it's never been clear how much power Iran's negotiators actually hold, whether they'll *ever* budge on US demands — or, most troublingly, whether they'd stick to any deal they ultimately agree to.

That Iran has failed to honor even the generous terms of the cease-fire leaves little hope it would honor any permanent deal; instead, it's given every reason to think it *won't*.

The Strait of Hormuz, recall, was to be 100% open, and hostilities were to end, yet Iran insists it controls the Strait and enforces that with attacks. Satellite imagery shows Iranian construction at the Pickaxe Mountain nuclear facility, another breach of the deal.

And the ruling powers have made their intentions beyond clear in words as well as deeds: Iran's Assembly of Experts officially called for Trump's death, along with that of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

During the mourning for the former supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, shouts of "Death to America!" and "Revenge! Revenge!" dominated. "Seeking justice against the United States and Israel for the supreme leader's blood will remain an enduring demand of the Iranian nation," an official Iranian foreign ministry statement read.

Does anyone really think the regime will truly give up its pursuit of nukes, support for terror groups or lust for revenge?

Trump responded to Iran's latest provocations with military strikes and by reimposing sanctions. Yet at the same time, he's all but ruling out a serious effort to finish the job he and Israel admirably embarked on in February.

"I don't think [full-scale war is] going to start again," he declared. "We're not looking for long term." *Huh?* What kind of incentive does Iran have for a deal if it knows it faces no long-term consequences for holding out?

Unless Trump commits to doing whatever it takes to rein in Iran's thugs, for however long it takes, he stands little chance of full victory.

Rahm Emanuel Sells Out Israel

Rahm Emanuel wants to run for president as a Democrat in 2028, but bowing to the antisemitic wing of his party is a beyond-despicable way to do it.

In a speech Wednesday — in Israel, no less — the ex-Chicago mayor and Obama chief of staff slammed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and read the Jewish state the Riot Act, cravenly selling out the nation his own father fought for in its War of Independence. Under Bibi, Emanuel warned, Israel was becoming a "prisoner of its own tools," meaning to its military prowess.

Unconditional US support "has allowed you to deny food and medical relief to innocent Palestinians in Gaza, leaving the world to conclude that Israelis not only want to kill Palestinians, but they are completely indifferent" to their "suffering." Never mind Israel's unmatched record of *sparing* civilians in war, even at the cost of its own soldiers' lives.

Emanuel vowed to end US military aid to Israel, called for sanctions against West Bank settlers and demanded the establishment of a Palestinian state. Yet he knows that, for decades, Palestinians have rejected the two-state solution. His old boss Bill Clinton repeatedly complains of the vast time and political capital he wasted trying to get Arabs to agree to it. Today, Hamas, a murderous cult, is the moral center of the Palestinian polity and promises more Oct. 7-style massacres until Israel is destroyed.

But Emanuel is playing to the Dems' antisemitic wing. It's naive enough to be disqualifying. Does he think people who march against Israel and scream outside Manhattan synagogues will forgive his history with the Israel Defense Forces, or his family's long ties to the Jewish state? Not bloody likely.

This is who Emanuel thinks he can win over? Good luck with that.

He's feasting with wolves in hopes they'll forget he's on the menu. It won't turn out well.

A Dangerous Deal With Turkey

President Trump's friendship with Turkish strongman Recep Erdogan is blinding him to serious dangers.

After receiving a warm reception at the NATO summit in Turkey, Trump lifted sanctions on that country, which could allow it to buy F-35 jets. *Big mistake.*

The sanctions were imposed during Trump's first term after Ankara got Russian S-400 air-defense systems against US wishes. Letting Erdogan acquire these jets will further destabilize the Middle East and pose a grave threat to US and Israeli security.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu understandably opposes any sales, noting it would "upset the power balance in the Middle East." Indeed: The F-35 is arguably the world's most powerful combat aircraft, and in the wrong hands, they could endanger US interests. It's notable, too, that under Erdogan, Turkey has been an enormously problematic NATO member, having aligned itself with adversaries, such as Russia, and offered support for groups like Hamas.

The Turkish strongman also persecutes political opposition and targets Kurds. Sanctions and tariffs have managed to restrain him to a degree. This is no time to let up.

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Failing NYC Public Schools Need Serious Change

THE ISSUE: A new report flagging 900+ NYC public schools that have been failing for more than a decade.

Gov. Hochul

•I don't think anyone was surprised to learn of the terrible state of our New York City public schools. However, what always surprises me is how parents continue to vote for politicians who put the welfare of teachers over the children ("NYC's Eternal School Failures," Editorial, July 7).

As long as New York is controlled by Democrats like Gov. Hochul, practical solutions will never be discussed, much less implemented.

Irene Hesse, Mineola

•I was troubled to read Success Academy's recent analysis claiming that New York City public schools are failing students. As a longtime educator, I believe such claims deserve closer examination. Traditional public schools are required to educate every child who enrolls and don't have the luxury of choosing which students they serve.

The city's public educators work tirelessly every day to support students facing academic, social, emotional and economic challenges. Rather than diminishing their efforts, we should recognize the complexity of their work and focus on solutions that strengthen education for all students.

Anthony Orzo
The Bronx

•Until New York City's education system is released from the hold of the vile and corrupt United Federation of Teachers, our children will never receive the true education they deserve.

More money is being spent every year with failing results. It's time for a major change in this system. Bring in professional outside educators to right this wrong — the whole system must be gutted and replaced. Our children deserve better.

Alice Daly, Mahopac

•There's only one way to improve New York City public schools' eternal failures: Any school where a majority of its students fail standardized English and math tests in consecutive years should be forced to become a charter school. This would compel the city public schools to up their game.

E. Cooper, Glenmont

•There is never any accountability with the New York public schools. The union is too strong. The school system is designed to protect itself instead of helping students. The schools should be run by an outside organization that doesn't answer to the union. **Steve Preziosa Sr.**
Deptford Township, NJ

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Beware of Socialists in the Tent

THE ISSUE: Kirsten Fleming warning of the dangers of emerging socialists among the Democratic Party.

•The Democrats are finding out for themselves that these communists are like Dracula: Once invited into your house, Dracula will kill everyone there ("Socialist storm will knock down party's 'big tent,'" Kirsten Fleming, July 6).

Out of desperation, the Democrats, invited the communists into their "tent." Now they're being sucked dry of blood, one by one.

Rick Cabrera, Elmhurst

•Whether it's Mayor Mamdani or Rep. Hakeem Jeffries boasting of their party being inclusive of everyone, most Americans will refuse to be gaslit by their empty promises.

The Republican Party has a proven track record of being open to all who want a fair shot in a meritocracy.

The weight of reality will cause the Democratic Socialist party to fold its tent, and the tenets of capitalism will be the one to lift all up.

Peter Cooper, Bronxville

•America welcomes people of all views and persuasions in the population. But why should anyone favoring removal of our hard-won freedoms be allowed to lead?

Unfortunately, Americans have been so brainwashed over the past half-century that many of them have lost track of reality.

Fortunately the blast of reality is about to come.

Elizabeth Hinesley
Delray Beach, Fla.

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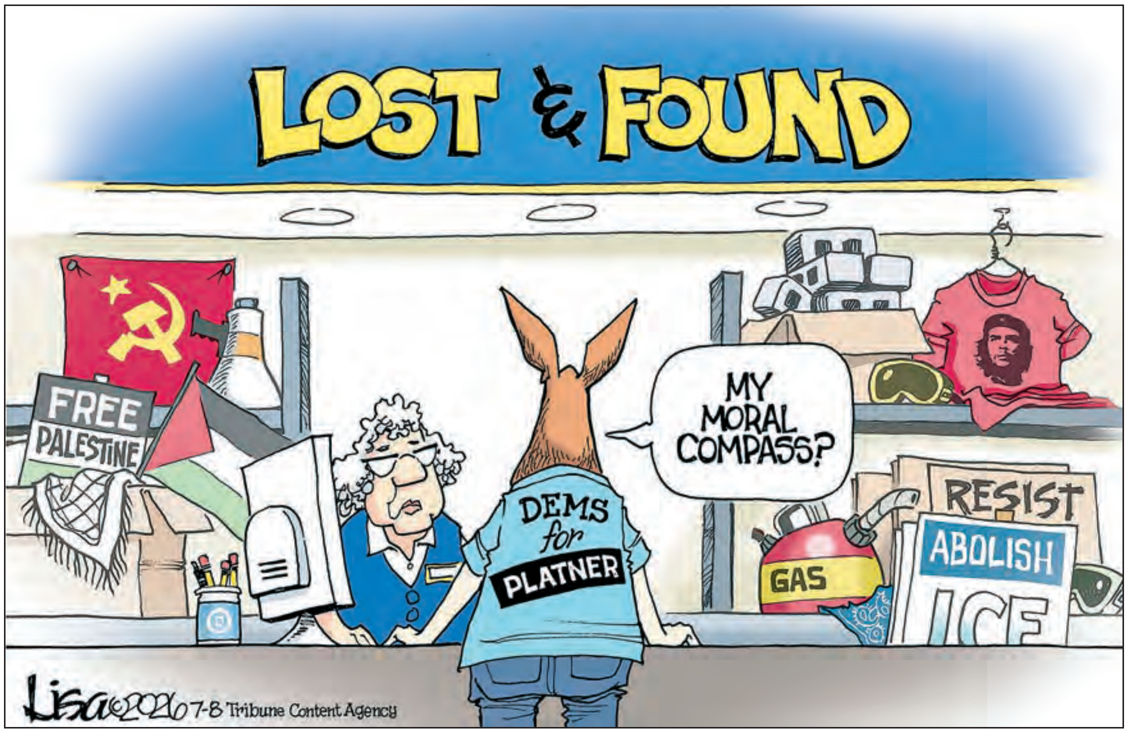

NJ PAVES UNIONS' WAY

ERIN WILCOX

NEW Jersey is slamming taxpayers with a one-two punch: forcing them to pay more for their roads and trampling on the Constitution to do it.

When Evesham Township in southern New Jersey needed some roads repaved in 2025, it put the job out for bid. Of the eight responding contractors, Earle Asphalt Co.'s bid came in lowest, at $1,463,513.

That's where the story should have ended: Earle gets the job, taxpayers get their roads fixed at the best price, everyone goes home happy. It's not what happened.

Soon after bids closed, the township council passed a resolution mandating that all public works contracts include a project labor agreement — a pre-hire collective bargaining arrangement requiring contractors to hire through union halls and recognize unions as their workers' exclusive representative.

Earle, a non-union "open shop" since its founding in 1968, couldn't agree to those terms without betraying the principles that make it one of New Jersey's most respected construction companies. So the township threw out all the bids and started over.

When the dust settled, every offer came in higher than Earle's original price. The lowest was $1,617,411 — more than $153,000 above Earle's bid. Evesham taxpayers are now on the hook for that amount to get the exact same roads repaved by a different company willing to abide by the unionization requirement.

The roads don't know the difference. The taxpayers' wallets do.

It's a small-scale preview of what's happening all across New Jersey, as project labor agreements spread from large state projects down to routine local work. In January, outgoing Gov. Phil Murphy signed legislation eliminating the cost-threshold rules that once limited PLAs to major endeavors, allowing municipalities to slap union mandates on virtually any public works contract. The result: fewer bidders, less competition, higher prices.

The company has now taken the state to federal court, represented by Pacific Legal Foundation and the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. It's challenging the PLA mandate as well as an equally troubling state policy requiring contractors on public projects to meet "targeted employment goals" — in plain English, race- and sex-based hiring quotas. Fail to hit your numbers, and the state can fine you, penalize you and jeopardize your future public contracts.

Earle has spent nearly six decades hiring and assigning workers based on merit, skill and need. The company doesn't discriminate, period — but under New Jersey's scheme, that's not enough.

Trenton is forcing Earle to track the race and sex of his workforce and hit county-by-county demographic targets. If the numbers in its required monthly compliance reports don't add up, Earle must either cut a deal with a union or complete a 25-part bureaucratic obstacle course — an ordeal that exists solely to pressure non-union shops into joining the union fold.

The US Constitution has something to say about all this. The 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause doesn't allow the government to force private employers to sort workers by race and sex.

To survive legal scrutiny, racial classifications must serve a compelling governmental interest and be narrowly tailored to achieve it. New Jersey's rule doesn't come close: It's a blatant racial quota with no justification and no sunset — precisely what the Constitution forbids.

Meanwhile, the PLA mandate raises a First Amendment issue. It protects not just the right to speak, but the right to freely associate — and the right *not* to associate. Forcing Earle to recognize and funnel money to unions as a condition of competing for public contracts compels association and subsidizes speech that Earle and its employees never agreed to.

These discriminatory rules are doing demonstrable harm. Earle's senior employees have an average tenure of 18 years, remarkable in an industry defined by turnover. The company is nationally recognized for second-chance hiring, giving people with criminal records a genuine shot at a career.

"This isn't about me," co-owner Michael Earle says. "This is about our people." If his employees choose a union, that's their right. But the government doesn't get to make that choice for them.

That's what Earle is fighting for in federal court: the right to compete on merit, hire on merit, and keep its workers free to make their own choices.

New Jersey has spent decades substituting government mandates for market competition and individual freedom. The bill for that overreach is now coming due — $153,000 at a time.

Erin Wilcox is a senior attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation.

Harry & Meghan's Fitting Comeuppance

BRENDAN O'NEILL

WHAT a rotten week Prince Harry has had. First he found out that British taxpayers wouldn't be footing the security bill for his trip to the UK. This meant Meghan and their two kids, Archie and Lilibet, had to stay home in Los Angeles as "H" jetted around Britain to promote his Invictus Games.

Sorry, Your Highnesses, but we Brits have better ways to spend our hard-earned money than on bouncers for two preening ex-royals. If we can dine out without government-funded heavies watching our backs, so can you.

Then Harry was refused a room at Buckingham Palace because, palace officials said, he responded "too late" to their invitation. Oof — things must be rough between King Charles and his prodigal son. Buck Palace has 775 rooms and not one could be spared for the ginger whinger, as our tabloids call Harry.

Then came the prince's most devastating blow: He lost his long-running legal battle with Associated Newspapers, publishers of the Daily Mail and the Mail on Sunday. And he lost in spectacular fashion.

Harry and some celeb chums had accused the Mail newspapers of gathering information about them "unlawfully." But the judge threw out every one of their claims, ruling they had categorically failed to prove their "suspicions" that the Mail had hacked their phones and bugged their homes.

Harry and his pals have been left with an eye-watering $67 million legal bill. And he won't even be able to drown his sorrow at the drinks cabinet in his dad's sprawling palace.

But don't feel sorry for him. His court humiliation is a momentous victory for freedom of the press — and a brutal defeat for the tyrannical self-pity of celebrity narcissists like Harry and Meghan.

> ***'It's not us hounding them, it's them hounding us. Leave us alone!'***

The prince famously hates the British press, in part because of what he sees as its "hounding" of his late mother, Princess Diana. He had been preparing his case against Associated Newspapers for years.

When it finally came to the High Court in London in January, the BBC hailed "Harry's war" on the tabloids. The woke leftists of the cancel-culture mob cheered him on, hoping this high and mighty prince would clip the wings of the "gutter press."

But it's Harry's wings that were clipped. In a 436-page judgment, Mr. Justice Matthew Nicklin dismissed all 97 claims of "unlawful" journalism made by Harry and his gang, which included Elton John and his husband David Furnish, actresses Elizabeth Hurley and Sadie Frost and a couple of UK politicians. All claimed to have been bugged, followed and pestered by the Mail newspapers.

Hurley dramatically wept in the dock as she claimed the Mail had surreptitiously gathered intel about her paternity fight with US businessman Steve Bing over their son. Harry turned as red as his hair with anger as he insisted the papers had used "unlawfully gathered information" in 14 articles about him.

But Justice Nicklin was skeptical — because the luminaries failed to offer any facts, only "suspicions" that they were spied on. It was a "magnificent vindication" of its journalism, Associated Newspapers proclaimed.

Indeed: Though sneering social-justice warriors dream of muzzling newspapers that take them to task, it's wonderful to see one of the highest courts in Britain take journalists' side. And the process beautifully exposed Prince Harry's hypocrisy.

Paul Dacre, Associated Newspapers' editor-in-chief, pointed out that Harry himself has poured every sordid detail of his life into the public realm. He wrote a "sad book," said Dacre — referring to Harry's self-pitying memoir "Spare" — in which he "boasted about his killing of 25 Taliban, his drug-taking and, in cringe-making detail, how he lost his virginity."

"There isn't a laundry in the cosmos big enough to wash all the dirty linen he has aired about his own family," Dacre said. It's the Harry and Meghan way: They moan about the press invading their privacy, then invite Netflix into their home to film their every move.

It's not us hounding them, it's them hounding us. Leave us alone!

Everyone is sick of these rich, grifting royals playing the victim — as when Meghan moaned about the horrors of palace life to her billionaire chum Oprah Winfrey while wearing a dress that cost more than most people earn in a month. We can only hope the verdict will finally curb this obnoxious pair's aristocratic self-pity.

And with the court's resounding endorsement of press freedom, Harry's loss is liberty's gain.

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The Post Puzzle Page

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A_1 I_1 U_1 R_1 D_2 N_1 B_3 — 3rd Letter Triple — RACK 1

E_1 U_1 T_1 X_8 B_3 T_1 S_1 — Double Word Score — RACK 2

A_1 E_1 E_1 O_1 T_1 R_1 P_3 — RACK 3

A_1 O_1 U_1 H_4 L_1 R_1 T_1 — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 216

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

		SOLUTION
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S_1 U_1 B_3 T_1 E_1 X_8 T_1	RACK 2 =	82
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A_1 U_1 T_1 H_4 O_1 R_1	RACK 4 =	9
PAR SCORE 145-155	TOTAL	216

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 10
♡ J 8
◇ Q 8 4 3
♣ A J 8 3 2

WEST
♠ 8 5
♡ A 10 6 4 2
◇ A 10 7 2
♣ 10 6

EAST
♠ 6 4 3
♡ K Q
◇ K J 9 6 5
♣ Q 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 9 7 2
♡ 9 7 5 3
◇ None
♣ K 9 7

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♠ 5

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"One thing I can't figure out about Joe," a club player said to me: "He overbids. If I dropped as many tricks as declarer as he does, I would go low."

My friend was talking about Joe Overberry, who thinks it's nobler to go down in pursuit of an overtrick than to make his bid. That obsession costs him and his partners tons of points.

As South in a penny game, Joe opened one spade and rebid two spades over North's 1NT. When North scraped up a raise to three, Joe bid four.

"If North's points had been in diamonds," my friend said, "game might have been hopeless."

West led a trump, and Joe drew trumps, cashed the king of clubs and finessed with dummy's jack. East won and shifted to the king of hearts, and the defense took three hearts for down one.

"Overbid, underplayed," North growled.

Joe might have made an overtrick, but for the contract, his best chance is to play low clubs from both hands at Trick Two. With a normal 3-2 break, he is sure of 10 tricks.

Word Force

FABRICANT

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 12** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Yesterday's word:
PROFILER

filer
flier
lifer
oiler
oriel

peril
prior
prole
repro
rifer

rifle
riper
roper

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

BOSTON STRIP STEAK — **Solution: 9 letters**

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H	E	G	R	I	L	L	R	A	C	K	L	R	H	E
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Yesterday's Answer: Three Kings

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To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at ***www.SudokuWiki.org***

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Very Easy #7,334

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Quick Crossword

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Across

1 Hotel waiters
5 Carried the day
8 Cuts it close
14 Skip past
15 "__ takers?"
16 Nikon product
17 Dance move performed when entering a room?
19 Unexpectedly funny
20 Adopt, as an alias
21 Cancan move performed while skydiving?
23 Makeshift swing
25 Bard's before
26 Network supported by "viewers like you"
29 Number of legs on a prawn
30 Shows up
35 Tango move on "Yellowstone"?
38 Half an Everest expedition
39 Actor Sharif
40 Club VIPs
42 Inner: Prefix
43 Curt
46 Five-point spin on the dance floor?
49 James M. Cain's "__ Pierce"
51 Spanish gold
52 Contact site
53 Singer Yoko
54 Wasabi __
56 Leap at a military ballet?
61 Coffee shop emanations
65 Artful dodger?
66 Pas de deux move performed where the road divides?
68 Spot
69 Apple core, for short
70 Store that sells Frakta shopping bags
71 Sounds like a bird
72 Slump
73 Like a lawn at dawn

Down

1 Led Zeppelin's final studio album
2 Famous __ cookies
3 "About me" summaries
4 Move with a swagger
5 Used sprinklers on
6 United
7 "Blue Bloods" org.
8 Annabella of "The Sopranos"
9 __ Ferry, West Virginia
10 Wildly out of control
11 Start of Caesar's boast
12 Actor Bana
13 Burlap bag
18 Suffix that means "maker"
22 Mens __: criminal intent
24 Wednesday's roommate at Nevermore
26 Many a charity tourney
27 Deer friend of Flower and Thumper
28 Warning from a doghouse
31 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
32 Locale
33 Log passage
34 Granite or marble
36 Yucky stuff
37 Comfy loungewear
41 "Enough!"
44 Assignment
45 Terms of service
47 Accent piece
48 "The Fountainhead" protagonist
50 __ Pérignon
55 Utterly reliable
56 Not erect
57 Solemnly swear
58 Fully appease
59 Falco of "The Sopranos"
60 Some USO patrons
62 Podcaster's purchase
63 Several
64 Remain
67 Happy Greek cry

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Dow Jones Indust. Avg. Down 576.76 52,348.39

Business

Nasdaq Comp. Up 51.96 25,870.65

BUSINESS BRIEFS

$30B pledge

Apple is ramping up its investment in US-made chips, with plans to spend more than $30 billion with Broadcom in the next five years. The iPhone maker said the deal will spur the production of more than 15 billion chips on US soil.

Kalshi loses

A federal judge denied Kalshi's bid to block New York from enforcing its gambling laws against the prediction markets platform, amid a growing battle between federal and state regulators over authority to police the industry.

Deere settles

Deere agreed to give farmers access to diagnostic and repair tools for its equipment to settle a lawsuit with the Federal Trade Commission and five states. The suit alleged Deere illegally required use of its network of authorized dealers.

Bonjour, CEO

Air Canada hired a French-speaking CEO to replace Michael Rousseau, who retired after controversy over his inability to speak the language. Anko van der Werff was CEO of Scandinavian airline SAS.

Costco rising

Costco reported June US sales rose 11% to $29 billion, helped by big increases in gas prices.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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UNSHACKLE BONDS!

30 states urge Don pay heirs unclaimed funds

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Thirty state financial officers are urging President Trump to order the Treasury Department to release $39 billion in unclaimed war and savings bonds to Americans, amid celebrations for the nation's 250th anniversary, The Post has learned.

The state treasurers argued in a Thursday letter to Trump that the original owners of the bonds had died without telling heirs, lost records or simply forgot but that their matured savings deserve to be reunited with their families, not held by the government.

"Americans purchased war bonds not merely as investments, but as acts of patriotism and confidence in the nation's future," officials from Alabama, Idaho, Missouri, North Carolina and 26 other states wrote, nodding to savings stamps purchased by children, neighborhood bond drives and payroll savings plans.

'Catch-22'

The financial officers noted that Trump attempted to expedite the release of matured bonds during his first term with an executive order in 2020, but argued that the Biden administration's Secure 2.0 Act in 2022 created "a frustrating catch-22" for state treasurers.

That legislation requires states to prove they owned the abandoned bonds before the department will release info about bond owners, but it was an impossible task, because state officials need the government data to prove ownership, according to the letter.

"America's 250th anniversary presents a unique opportunity to honor one of the most enduring expressions of civic faith in our nation's history: the decision by millions of Americans to invest in their country through the purchase of savings bonds and, during World War II, war bonds," the treasurers added.

More than 6.8 million paper savings bonds worth over $731 billion have been issued since the Savings Bond program's inception in 1935, when it was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, according to the department.

While most of the funds have been claimed, billions have gone unredeemed after owners lost records, moved or simply forgot about the investments they made decades earlier, creating one of the largest pools of dormant assets in the country, the letter said.

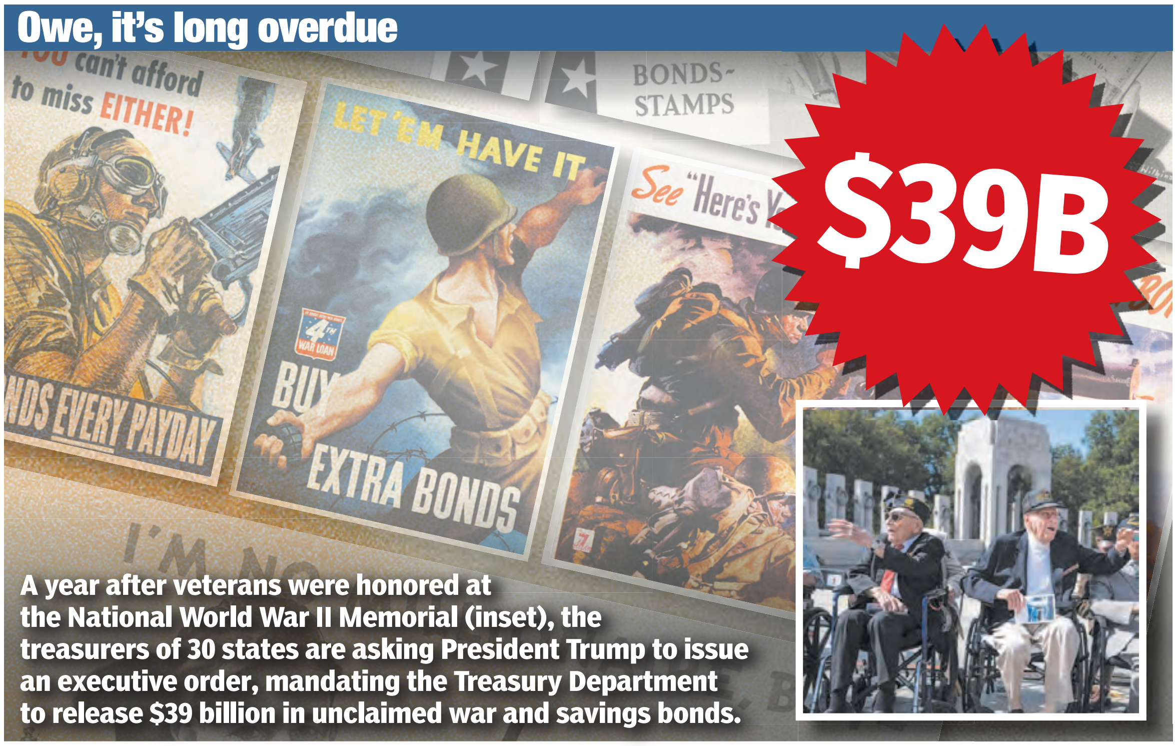
"When Americans were asked to step up and contribute to the fight for freedom, the individuals and families who purchased US savings bonds did not hesitate," OJ Oleka, chief executive of the State Financial Officers Foundation, told The Post.

Returning the bonds "is the proper way to honor their legacy and the important role these citizens played in allowing our nation to celebrate 250 years of freedom. After all, this is not the government's money. These were loans, made in patriotic good faith," he said.

The treasurers argued that a new executive order from Trump could remove Biden-era regulatory barriers and help resolve what is, at its core, a "property-rights issue" without requiring Congress to pass another law.

The letter did not detail how the funds would be returned, but the officials said it would be the last step after years of progress toward the release of unredeemed bonds, as the department has modernized its records and owner-search tools and improved outreach and Congress has allocated funding to digitize debt records.

Owe, it's long overdue



A year after veterans were honored at the National World War II Memorial (inset), the treasurers of 30 states are asking President Trump to issue an executive order, mandating the Treasury Department to release $39 billion in unclaimed war and savings bonds.

Getty Images/Bettmann Archive

Sabers rattle & stocks get whacked

Stocks plunged and oil prices jumped to nearly $80 a barrel after President Trump said Wednesday the cease-fire with Iran is "over" and the US prepared another night of strikes in the region after Tehran attacked vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. The Dow tumbled 576 points, or 1.1%, while the S&P 500 slipped 0.3%.

The Nasdaq rebounded to finish up 0.2%.

Brent crude oil futures jumped 5.2% to settle at $78.02 a barrel, after earlier jumping as much as 7.5%, while West Texas Intermediate crude increased 4.4% to $73.52 a barrel.

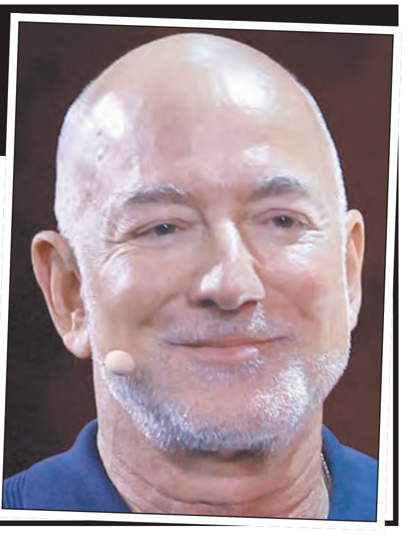
The national average gasoline price was roughly $3.80 a gallon Wednesday, according to AAA, remaining roughly flat over the past few days.

Robert Edwards, chief investment officer of Edwards Asset Management, said the market moves on Wednesday were a clear sign that geopolitical tensions remain front and center — but there's no reason to sound the alarms yet.

Energy stocks also jumped Wednesday as investors anticipated higher earnings from industry giants. Shares in ConocoPhillips, Marathon Petroleum and Chevron all climbed.

Taylor Herzlich

Wanted: $10B rocket boosters



Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin is reportedly kicking off a $10 billion fundraising round that values the rocket company at $130 billion, hot on the heels of last month's historic IPO for Elon Musk's SpaceX.

The deal, reported by DealBook, would expand Blue Origin's investor base beyond the deep-pocketed Bezos for the first time, reducing his need to bankroll the pricey endeavor by selling Amazon stock.

The financing, which already has big-name backers onboard, shows investor interest in fueling the space race beyond Musk's SpaceX, which has billions of fresh capital in its coffers after its blockbuster public listing last month.

Blue Origin builds rockets and serves as a launch provider to both commercial satellites and NASA, including working with the space agency to develop a lunar lander.

Asset-management giant Coatue is expected to lead the round with a $4 billion investment, DealBook reported.

Bezos' family office is already a major investor in Coatue's Innovative Strategies Fund, which focuses on emerging technology startups.

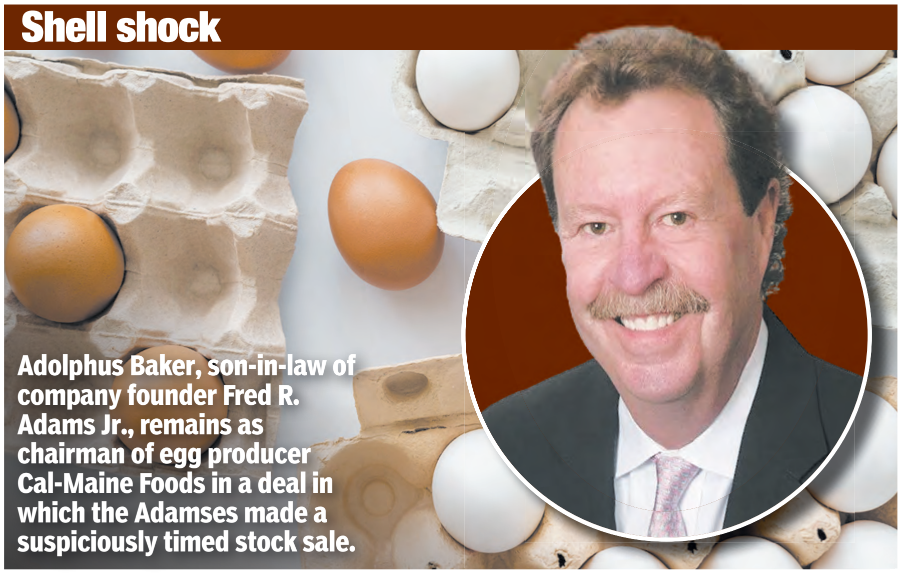
Bezos (right) is expected to put another $2 billion into Blue Origin, while the remaining $4 billion is anticipated to come from large institutional investors. *Marc Vartabedian*

Smell like rotten eggs

Kin's $320M stock sale amid price-fix probe

By ARIEL ZILBER

Shell shock



Adolphus Baker, son-in-law of company founder Fred R. Adams Jr., remains as chairman of egg producer Cal-Maine Foods in a deal in which the Adamses made a suspiciously timed stock sale.

Cal-Maine Foods; Adobe

The family that founded the largest egg producer in the US pocketed about $320 million from selling part of its controlling stake in Cal-Maine Foods just weeks after federal investigators began probing an alleged scheme to manipulate egg prices that sent grocery bills soaring for millions.

The Adams family, which controlled Mississippi-based Cal-Maine for nearly 70 years, cashed out near the company's all-time stock high after shares roughly doubled between mid-2022 and early 2025 as egg prices, profits and the company's market value surged, according to the Financial Times.

The sale came after the Justice Department and 17 states alleged that Cal-Maine and rival egg producers coordinated bids and trades for nearly three years to artificially inflate a key benchmark used to price billions of eggs sold to supermarkets, restaurants and food-service companies.

According to company filings cited by the FT, the Adams family converted its super-voting shares into common stock in April of last year before selling nearly 3 million shares through an offering led by Goldman Sachs at $92.75 per share. Cal-Maine also agreed to repurchase about $50 million worth of shares from family members, according to company filings.

The family retained stock and former CEO Adolphus "Dolph" Baker, son-in-law of company founder Fred R. Adams Jr., remained as chairman.

The transactions occurred after Cal-Maine disclosed in a 2025 SEC filing that it had received a civil investigative demand from the department tied to a nationwide antitrust probe into egg prices.

Federal prosecutors allege that from June 2022 through March 2025, executives at Cal-Maine, Versova and Hickman's Egg Ranch coordinated bidding activity to influence daily egg price quotations used in industry supply contracts.

Cal-Maine has denied wrongdoing, saying egg prices were driven by bird flu and other market forces.

A proposed settlement, which requires court approval and contains no admission of liability, would require Cal-Maine, Versova and Hickman's to donate 53 million eggs to food banks, pay $3.3 million to participating states and accept restrictions on communications with competitors.

Reluctant Musk deal OK

A federal judge on Wednesday approved the Securities and Exchange Commission's settlement with Elon Musk over his purchase of Twitter shares, despite expressing "significant misgivings" about the "red flags" the accord raised.

District Judge Sparkle Sooknanan in Washington, DC, said she had only a limited role in assessing whether the settlement meets minimum fairness and reasonableness standards, or instead "makes a mockery of judicial power," and questioned whether the Trump administration let the world's richest person off too easily. Sooknanan was appointed to the bench by former President Joe Biden.

The settlement requires a trust in Musk's name to pay $1.5 million to resolve SEC claims he took 11 days too long in 2022 to disclose his early Twitter shares buys. *Reuters*

New Delta 'Basic Biz' tix

Delta Air Lines is betting that even travelers who want luxuries like lie-flat seats and chef-curated meals are willing to make some trade-offs for a cheaper ticket.

Enter Delta's new tier of premium tickets that includes fewer checked bags, charges a fee for changes or cancellations and provides fewer frequent-flier miles.

Starting in January, those who opt for "Basic Business," the lowest level of the airline's Delta One international business class, won't be able to use its special dedicated check-in lanes or visit the swanky Delta One lounges unless they have access through a credit card or a separate membership.

Delta said the new options represent a cheaper entry point to premium cabins that give fliers additional choices. It hasn't detailed pricing. *Dow Jones*

Split's a tossup at Fed

The Federal Reserve's rate-setting committee is split over whether inflation is likely to stay elevated or whether it will cool once the Iran war winds down, according to minutes released Wednesday.

In the first set of minutes released under new chair Kevin Warsh, "many" of the Fed's 19 officials said its key rate would be unchanged from or slightly below its current level of 3.6% by the end of this year. But "many" also said that it would likely be higher by the year's end.

Forecasts released after the meeting of June 17 showed that half of the 18 policymakers who submitted projections supported lifting rates by the end of this year, while the other half supported keeping them unchanged or reducing them. Warsh didn't submit a forecast, reflecting his view that doing so can lock policymakers into a specific approach that is harder to change if the economy shifts direction.

The minutes underscored the deep divisions among Fed officials, particularly over the future path of inflation. The policymakers generally expected inflation would decline as gas prices cooled and the effect of tariffs faded. Yet many officials also worried that massive investment in the artificial intelligence buildout would keep inflation elevated. *AP*

JPM plays 'small haul'

JPMorgan Chase is setting its sights on small-company deals for its next growth leg in investment banking.

The firm is creating a new team of investment bankers focused on small-cap companies valued at between $100 million and $500 million, executives said.

The effort builds on JPMorgan's work on deals for middle-market companies with valuations of roughly $500 million to $2 billion. That initiative now brings in over $1 billion in revenue for the bank each year. *Dow Jones*

DARIO AMODEI
Plans 1,000 staffers in NYC.

Anthropic 'building' in Apple

Anthropic has leased an entire office building in Manhattan's Hudson Square and plans to double its local workforce, the latest sign that tech giants are embracing the Big Apple as an AI hub.

The company, known for its Claude chatbot, will occupy all 16 floors at 330 Hudson St., and said it plans to have more than 1,000 employees in the city by the end of this year, up from less than 500 at the start of 2026.

The company added that it will begin moving in later this summer and has space in the facility for about 1,700 desks. New York already ranked as Anthropic's second-largest office hub behind its headquarters in San Francisco.

Anthropic, led by CEO Dario Amodei, just relaunched its cutting-edge Mythos and Fable AI models with the Trump administration's approval.

Marc Vartabedian

Upbeat Levi stock fades

Levi Strauss on Wednesday raised its annual sales forecast, betting on sustained demand for jeans and casual apparel even as economic uncertainty weighs on broader consumer spending.

But shares fell around 5% in extended trading as the forecast disappointed some on Wall Street. They had climbed 18% so far this year.

Second-quarter revenue rose 8% to $1.56 billion, beating analyst estimates of $1.52 billion. Profit climbed 30% to $87.3 million. *Wires*

PURLS OF WISDOM

Teaching billionaire media moguls to knit

On the money
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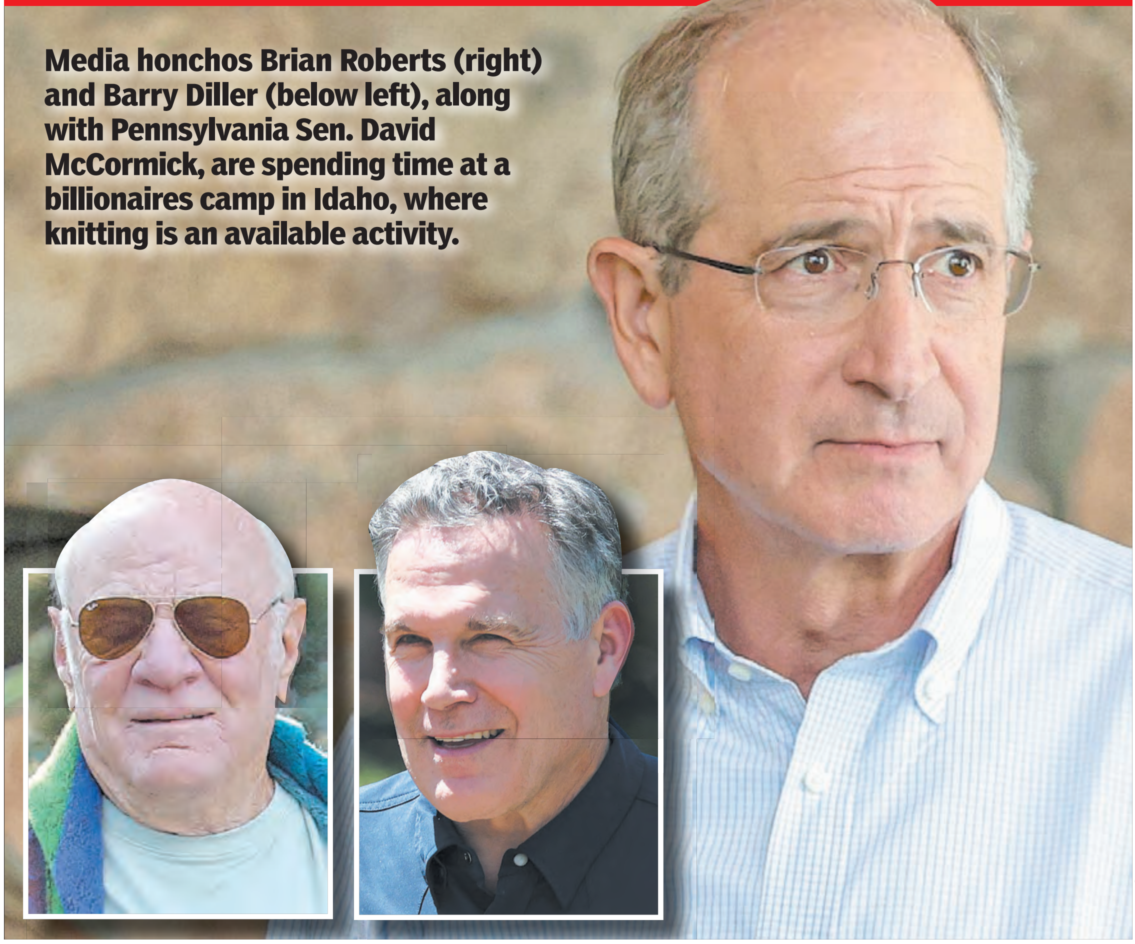
'Titan' those stitches



Media honchos Brian Roberts (right) and Barry Diller (below left), along with Pennsylvania Sen. David McCormick, are spending time at a billionaires camp in Idaho, where knitting is an available activity.

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THE schedule of activities is circulating at this year's "summer camp for billionaires" in Sun Valley, Idaho — and knitting is on the agenda, On The Money has learned.

Yes — Allen & Co.'s annual shindig for media moguls and tech tycoons is featuring the usual panel discussions. On Thursday, Pennsylvania Sens. **John Fetterman** and **David McCormick** will be interviewed by CNN's **Erin Burnett**.

That's after **Andrew Ross Sorkin** on Wednesday interviewed **Ken Griffin** — who repeated how **Mayor Mamdani**'s Bolshevik-style TikTok outside his Manhattan penthouse "creeped him out" because of what happened with the UnitedHealthcare CEO, according to one attendee.

But it was the knitting activity — slated for 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time, both Wednesday and Thursday — that seemed to capture the zeitgeist at this year's festivities, I am told. It was as if the bankers at Allen & Co. had set out to prove that big media as we know it is on its last legs.

'A little depressed'

Comcast CEO **Brian Roberts** — who rocked the media world last week when he revealed plans to spin off the cable giant's NBCUniversal division — was on-site with **Mike Cavanagh**, who will lead NBCU while **Michael Angelakis** will run the cable unit.

"Brian is looking a little depressed," a source at Sun Valley told me. "Even after the split, the stock hasn't moved at $23. He got no bounce, and his personal net worth has taken a beating in recent years because he is held too long into two declining businesses."

That would be news and entertainment content (i.e. NBCU) and cable, which throws off cash but — because of cord cutting and wireless competition — a lot less than it used to.

"Look, he's number 499 in the S&P and Charter, the company he wants to buy, is number 500," the source wisecracked. (In reality, Comcast is number 141 and Charter 422.)

Elsewhere, **Jeff Bezos** and venture capitalist **Marc Andreesen** took the stage with Fox anchor **Bret Baier** also on Wednesday. Microsoft boss **Satya Nadella** then got interviewed by Reid Hoffman, the lefty LinkedIn founder lately dogged by his **Jeffrey Epstein** ties.

That's not all. There's hiking, fly fishing and yoga classes for our media mavens. There's also Pilates and something called "hard core fitness," but sorry — I can't quite visualize 84-year-old **Barry Diller** throwing around weights in the gym.

As for knitting — true, it's supposed to be therapeutic. Still: The bosses of an industry that's getting downsized, cutting mergers to keep flailing businesses afloat as star anchors are being eclipsed by **MrBeast** and **Clavicular** on YouTube, have nothing better to do?

"It's going to be fun," one attendee said of the confab, shrugging off the latest industry woes. Still, he clarified, he himself wasn't planning to attend the knitting classes.

Oops! CBS used Kanye pic for 'Diddy' report

Tony Dokoupil's "CBS Evening News" grappled with a fresh round of missteps over the Fourth of July weekend — the latest snafus that have dogged Bari Weiss' overhaul of the Tiffany Network's news programming.

On Friday, the last-place news program — which was relaunched in January with Dokoupil as anchor — mistakenly aired an image of rapper Kanye West instead of Sean "Diddy" Combs in its report that President Trump was mulling a pardon of Combs.

The Post obtained a screenshot of the image CBS used of West when he made a surprise appearance at last year's trial for Combs, who is currently serving a 50-month prison sentence after being convicted in a federal sex-crimes case.

The error was quietly fixed in the "Evening News'" West Coast broadcast and for digital and streaming, but a source said it is an example of how short-staffed the show is.

CBS News declined to comment, but a network source said it was a "one-off error" that had "nothing to do with short staffing."

Dokoupil also faced criticism for his coverage of the Fourth of July celebration on the National Mall that was derailed by thunderstorms and, critics say, organizational chaos.

He was off the air for an hour waiting for bosses Weiss and News President Tom Cibrowski to make a decision on how to proceed.

Alexandra Steigrad

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Fery-tale rolls on for Wimby wild card

CAN’T BELIEVE IT: Arthur Fery lies on the Centre Court grass after beating Flavio Cobolli 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-0 to advance to the Wimbledon semifinals as a wild card. Reuters

By KEN MAGUIRE

LONDON — If he keeps playing like this, Arthur Fery might just become Wimbledon royalty.

Fery grew up five minutes from the All England Club, and now the 114th-ranked player is a semifinalist at the grass-court Grand Slam.

The 23-year-old British player, who needed a wild-card invitation to enter the tournament, beat ninth-seeded Flavio Cobolli 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-0 on Centre Court in front of roaring home fans and a Royal Box contingent that included Britain’s Queen Camilla on Wednesday.

His run has been dubbed a “Ferytale” and has included a viewing by Kate, the Princess of Wales, earlier in the tournament.

“It gets better and better every match,” Fery said in an on-court interview. “I just can’t believe it.”

The only other wild card to have reached the men’s singles semifinals at the All England Club was Goran Ivanisevic in his run to the Wimbledon title in 2001.

Fery earned a standing ovation after winning the first set. The deafening roar that followed Fery taking the tiebreaker to seal the second set was heard over at Wimbledon’s other main stadium — No. 1 Court, where Alexander Zverev was in the process of beating Taylor Fritz in straight sets.

Fery sealed his memorable victory with an ace and fell onto his back to soak in the applause.

“That last game, I felt emotions that I hadn’t experienced before in my life,” he said.

A short time later, Zverev wrapped up his 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win to set up a semifinal against Fery on Friday.

Moments before the start of their quarterfinal match, Fery and Cobolli were surprised to meet Camilla in the hallway moments before they walked onto court.

“She came to say hello, she introduced herself to both me and Flavio,” Fery said. “It’s obviously an honor to play in front of her. Great to meet her. She had some really kind words to me at the end, as well. Playing in front of tennis legends and now the queen, so it’s special.”

Roger Federer had been on hand Monday when Fery ousted Grigor Dimitrov in five sets in a fourth-round that was also on Centre Court.

A champagne cork popped in the crowd late in the first set and distracted Cobolli during his service motion. The locals will surely pop a few more with a British player to support in Friday’s semifinal.

The 24-year-old Cobolli, who lost the French Open final to Zverev, made 41 unforced errors to Fery’s 15 and only broke the British player once — to start the second set, but Fery broke back in the fourth game.

“I felt like I didn’t express even 50 percent of my tennis. But obviously that had a lot to do with him. He was better than me,” said Cobolli, who also lost to Fery in the first round at this year’s Australian Open.

Friday’s other semifinal pits seven-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic against defending champion Jannik Sinner.

The second-seeded Zverev, who dispatched Fritz in just under two hours, recalled being impressed by Fery’s win over Cobolli in Melbourne.

“I watched that match. I was very impressed back then already. He has a very clean technique and very clean groundstrokes,” said the 29-year-old German, who is also into his first Wimbledon semifinal.

“It’s going to be a great atmosphere,” he said of Friday’s match. “Of course, I know that 99 percent of the people will be cheering for him. But I also enjoy those kind of atmospheres. I enjoy when the energy is very high.”

Earlier Wednesday, Marta Kostyuk beat Jasmine Paolini 6-3, 6-2 to reach her first Wimbledon semifinals.

The 24-year-old Ukrainian also reached the last four at the French Open, losing to Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva, the eventual champion in Paris.

Kostyuk raised her hands and dropped to her knees after Paolini scuffed a shot on her second match point. After shaking hands with the Italian, Kostyuk did a pirouette on court.

Kostyuk will be back on Centre Court on Thursday to face Linda Noskova for a spot in Saturday’s final. Noskova beat Elise Mertens 6-3, 7-5 on No. 1 Court.

It’s the first career Grand Slam semifinal for the 21-year-old Noskova, who improved to 10-1 on grass this season.

The other women’s semifinal features Coco Gauff against Karolina Muchova, who like Noskova is from the Czech Republic. They’re up first on Centre Court on Thursday. *— AP*

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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
Cold Spell (3rd)
Lock Record: 1 for 3 (33%)
Meet Record: 7/31 $35.34

1 1 mile; $59,000; clm($40,000); 3up(f)

Week Two. In the opener **STREET VIEW** races off the breather for Saffie Joseph. Ran 3rd this distance at Gulfstream in January. Neck short with allowance at Saratoga last summer. Gaffalione picks up the mount. **SNIDE** was 2nd, then a closer 3rd at Aqueduct. **MALU** was a wide 4th behind **TOUGH STREET** who was 3rd. Rider change on Malu to Santana. Tough Street hasn't won in 2 years.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Snide(L),126	J Lezcano	3-2-1	Rice	2-1
2	Royal Bobbie(L),126	F Prat	2-3-3	Rice	5-1
3	Tough Street(L),126	M Franco	3-2-2	Atras	5-2
4	Malu(L),126	R Santana, Jr	4-2-5	Rodriguez	8-1
5	Street View(L),126	T Gaffalione	3-6-8	Joseph	4-1
6	Bow Draw(L),126	J Ortiz	2-3-7	Asmussen	9-2

2 5 1/2 fur(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO

Two-year-olds on the turf to back-end the double. **JUST A HOLIDAY** switches to the grass for Ward after a debut dud on dirt. Missed the break; never factored. **GENERATIONAL** debuted 5th of 10 on the grass at Churchill. Prat picks him up for Asmussen. **EXCESSIF** (Motion/Franco/Quality Road) and **PIRATE SHIP** (Sharp/Gaffalione/Midshipmen) are first time starters.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Magical Mikel,123	C Elliott	x-x-x	McPeek	15-1
2	Excessif,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Motion	8-1
3	Just a Holiday,123	D Davis	8-x-x	Ward	9-2
4	Captain G,123	J Castellano	x-x-x	Casse	12-1
5	Beach Sandals,123	J Ortiz	6-2-x	Casse	7-2
6	Generational,123	F Prat	5-x-x	Asmussen	5-2
7	Call Attendant,123	R Santana, Jr	7-x-x	Morley	6-1
8	Pirate Ship,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Sharp	4-1

3 6 1/2 fur; $115,000; mdn; 3up(f)

Play **COLD SPELL** at odds of 2-5? No, but she likely moves forward after placing 2nd both starts, the latest at the Spa in June. Johnny V stays on. **FLETCHS ROCKETTE** Turf to dirt for Mott. Debuted 3rd on the dirt here in 2025 under Alvarado. **AMES** makes 3YO debut for Chad Summers after going 0 for 3 in her 2YO campaign. 1st time lasix. Value's up; Gaffalione up. **LIL TIPSY** is 0 for 5 after a clear 2nd at Churchill.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Collective Bargain(L),122	E Zayas	5-5-x	Summers	15-1
2	Ames(M),122	T Gaffalione	7-3-7	Summers	20-1
3	Rose to Riches(M),122	F Prat	5-x-x	C Brown	8-1
4	Fletch's Rockette(L),122	J Alvarado	5-4-3	Mott	9-2
5	Cold Spell(L),122	J Velazquez	2-2-x	Ward	2-5
6	Giant Sense(M),122	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Synnefias	20-1
7	Lil Tipsy(L),122	M Franco	2-9-3	Rice	8-1

4 1 mile; $42,000; clm($20,000); 3up(f)

Nothing from **MARGARITA MOLLY** and Keri Brion takes her lower. Lone win earned at this longer distance. Prat a good sign. **TWIRLY** Midpack 6th after a wide trip. Better 2nd off the layoff for Mott who gets Alvarado back. **KAREY** is 1 for 11 but 3rd, then 2nd at this distance at the Big A in May. **DEFINING ROLE** moved lower to make dirt debut and graduated (3rd start). Competitively spotted for Dutrow.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Miss American Pie(L),126	T Gaffalione	12-3-6	Schettino	6-1
2	Twirly(L),126	J Alvarado	6-5-6	Mott	7-2
3	Amelia's Echo(L),126	M Franco	4-2-2	Kantarmaci	7-2
4	Margarita Molly(L),121	F Prat	7-5-1	Brion	3-1
5	Karey(L),121	C Elliott	2-3-7	Kantarmaci	5-1
6	Defining Role(L),121	R Santana, Jr	1-10-8	A Dutrow	5-1
7	Heavens Lee(L),126	R Silvera	8-4-2	Levine	8-1

5 1 mile; $120,000; alw; 3up(f)

Lower for **SOARING HIGH**. Passed tired horses to be 2nd at Churchill. Scored 2 back. J Ortiz rides the deep closer for DeVaux. **MADAM OPUS** won at 2nd asking 16 months ago. Hasn't raced since. We will wait. **HIDDEN ROSE** moved lower and responded, winning by a dozen lengths at Finger Lakes. Tough spot. Gaffalione rides for Clement. **WILL NOT BE SWAYED** Only 3/4 shy this level/distance at Aqueduct.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Madam Opus(L),126	M Franco	1-3-x	C Brown	7-2
2	Brunch With Amy(L),126	F Prat	6-3-4	Rice	9-2
3	Soaring High(L),121	J Ortiz	2-1-7	DeVaux	1-1
4	Will Not Be Swayed(L),126	R Santana, Jr	3-7-1	Shivmangal	8-1
5	Hidden Rose(L),121	T Gaffalione	1-7-4	Clement	8-1
6	I'm a Cutie Pie(L),126	J Rodriguez	4-2-4	Gorham	15-1
7	Fast and Frisky(L),126	R Silvera	1-4-7	Charlerie	10-1

6 1 mile(T); $125,000; alw; 3up(f)

A tired 6th for **OPULENT RESTRAINT** racing off the 8 month layoff for Mott. A threat, 2nd off the shelf tightening to a mile. Neck short, this distance in a stake last year. And 3rd in the Saratoga Oaks last summer. Johnny V rides. **PLAY WITH FIRE** makes 4YO debut for Chad Brown. 1 for 7 last year. The win in the Hilltop Mile at Pimlico. Narrowly defeated twice at tha Spa including the Grade 2 Lake Placid. Brown also enters **BRISBANE**. Ran home 3 lengths short in the Miss Liberty at Monmouth. Won only start at this shorter distance under Franco. **POP ART** loads off back-to-back wins. Capable; best value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Queen of Hawaii(IRE),121	J Ortiz	7-x-x	Antonacci	9-2
2	Play With Fire(L),126	F Prat	8-2-2	C Brown	3-1
3	Scythian(L),126	J Alvarado	1-4-6	Mott	10-1
4	Strutsherstuff(L),126	J Rodriguez	6-1-3	Meyers	10-1
5	Brisbane(FR)(L),126	M Franco	4-1-x	C Brown	5-1
6	Pop Art(L),126	J Lezcano	1-1-3	Proctor	15-1
7	Opulent Restraint(L),126	J Velazquez	6-3-3	Mott	7-2
8	Being Myself(L),126	D Davis	2-2-8	DeVaux	15-1
9	Ashikidah(FR)(M),126	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Antonacci	6-1
10	Sailaway(L),126	R Santana, Jr	2-1-6	Rodriguez	4-1

7 6 fur; $52,000; clm($20,000); 4up

Photo finish. And **RED STATE** was 2nd, a head short before shipping from Indiana. Moves lower for Maker to make NY debut. 2 of 3 wins earned under Santana. **GATSBY** was a vanilla 7th racing off the layoff for Kantarmaci. May have needed that one. Used speed to win back-to-back races last November. **STEWIE** led, outkicked. Board hitter 11 of 15 at this shorter distance. Offers exotics value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Screaming Uncle(L),121	R Gutierrez	4-4-2	Charlerie	15-1
2	Gatsby(L),121	M Franco	7-3-1	Kantarmaci	9-2
3	Factually Correct(L),123	R Silvera	7-1-1	Abreu	6-1
4	War Master(L),121	F Prat	5-4-2	Gorham	8-1
5	Burninhunkoflove(L),121	J Ortiz	3-4-7	Potts	8-1
6	Big Hat Willie(L),123	J Rodriguez	5-4-5	Atras	8-1
7	Stewie(L),121	D Davis	6-5-6	Friedman	12-1
8	Timaeus(L),123	S Gonzalez	8-5-1	Kantarmaci	12-1
9	Red State(L),121	R Santana, Jr	2-7-4	Maker	7-5

8 5 1/2 fur(T); $78,000; alw; 3up

Late double is on the turf. **RUSSI** returns to his preferred surface for Bond. Length short last grass start. Won at the Spa 2 summers ago. Not since, but stretch runner gets a pace to chase. **GOLDEN SYMPHONY** was 1st, then 2nd at the Big A. Contender if we're off turf. **COUNTER MOVE** Two turf starts. A win and a close 3rd. Must be considered. Gaffalione up. **AFTER TAXES** won narrowly weeks ago. 0 for 3 at this shorter distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Ambassador Blue(L),122	J Rosario	1-8-10	Gargan	10-1
2	Bridle a Butterfly(L),126	F Prat	5-11-3	Green	9-2
3	Russi(L),126	E Zayas	8-4-3	James Bond	6-1
4	Roar of the Crowd(L),126	R Gutierrez	11-3-7	DiPrima	30-1
5	Kid Billy(L),126	R Silvera	3-2-1	Rodriguez	15-1
6	Launch Control(L),126	R Santana, Jr	7-6-5	Brion	10-1
7	Joker On Fire(L),126	J Lezcano	5-2-1	Levine	4-1
8	Counter Move(L),126	T Gaffalione	3-1-3	Weaver	7-2
9	Peyton(L),126	M Franco	1-4-x	Schettino	15-1
10	Global Prosperity(L),126	J Castellano	4-9-9	Lewis	10-1
11	After Taxes(IRE)(L),126	D Davis	1-7-3	B Brown	8-1
12	Farm Team(L),126	S Gonzalez	4-2-3	Kantarmaci	8-1
13	Golden Symphony(L),126	M Franco	2-1-4	Rice	9-2
14	Math Tutor(L),126	J Morelos	1-3-8	Antonucci	4-1
15	Momentum Files(L),126	Rider TBA	1-5-5	Rodriguez	5-2

9 1 1/16 miles(T); $115,000; mdn; 3up

Chad Brown's **COORDINATOR** was 3rd, then 2nd and didn't get a clean trip in either. Prat stays on; so do we. **ASKED AND ANSWERED** MTO. **CJ STAR** ran evenly, a couple of lengths short. Casse gives him more ground. **DEMOCRACY DEFENDER** was 3rd behind Coordinator.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Pay the Piper(L),121	M Franco	9-5-x	C Brown	8-1
2	Iron Palace(M),121	E Zayas	x-x-x	Weaver	12-1
3	Luz de Guia(L),126	R Silvera	3-3-3	Zito	30-1
4	Democracy Defender(L),121	J Ortiz	3-6-2	Abreu	8-1
5	Coordinator(L),121	F Prat	2-3-x	C Brown	2-1
6	Point Guard(M),121	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	Antonacci	15-1
7	Bull Shoals(L),121	J Morelos	2-10-2	Antonucci	10-1
8	Feline Curious(L),121	J Velazquez	2-2-10	Danner	12-1
9	Okefenokee(L),121	D Davis	3-6-x	Morley	8-1
10	C J Star(L),121	J Castellano	3-2-5	Casse	9-2
11	Ollie Luke Out(M),121	T Gaffalione	3-2-x	R Dutrow	10-1
12	Sorrentino(L),121	Rider TBA	5-5-x	Pletcher	7-2
13	Asked and Answered(L),121	J Rodriguez	2-8-5	Arriaga	3-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Our long shots Neat (28-1) and Run On States (17-1) both walked home last. Twenty Six Black ($5.30) gave us our first winner of the meet and cut our losses for week one to -$41.34.

One play to kick off Week 2. Bet $20 to win and place on Russi in Race 8.

— Vic Cangialosi

Yonkers entries for Thursday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile trot; $13,100; Naada

1	Father Mike	(RKrivelin)	4-7-5	2-1
2	Pc Free Wheeling	(RFranco)	6-3-3	5-2
3	Six And Stones	(JSlendorn)	6-6-3	9-2
4	Brave By Design	(NSheridan)	4-3-9	4-1
5	Jesses Doll	(AAdamczyk)	4-4-2	20-1
6	Bacardi	(JLee)	6-1-3	20-1
7	ShoemakerHanver	(Clbrese)	4-8-8	20-1
8	Baby Tao	(SKeppler)	7-1-3	20-1

SECOND: Mile trot; $13,100; Naada

1	Seven Lick Prise	(RHechkoff)	5-6-2	10-1
2	Communion Money	(SBako)	3-2-6	5-2
3	The Last Chapter	(RFranco)	4-8-7	12-1
4	Shake N Bake	(NSheridan)	2-5-7	6-5
5	Radio Lab	(JFaraldo)	7-3-5	8-1
6	Royalty Star	(RCiavardini)	1-2-6	15-1
7	Cal Mile N Shell	(JCalabrese)	2-2-2	12-1
8	Bontoni Degato S	(JSlendorn)	5-4-4	15-1

THIRD: Mile pace; $19,000; claiming

1	Acapulco Sunburn	(JSantos)	2-2-2	8-1
2	Simply Fast	(CKelly)	3-4-2	7-2
3	Donttellmenow	(Siegelman)	8-8-2	8-1
4	Shake It	(GBrennan)	2-2-1	5-2
5	Movin' On Up	(DDube)	3-1-3	8-1
6	Komodo Beach	(BHolland)	2-1-1	3-1
7	Avenger Force	(VGinsburg)	4-6-4	20-1
8	Karloo Bradley N	(JStratton)	1-3-1	12-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Th Sandra Dee	(BHolland)	3-8-1	3-1
2	Fight Not Flight	(JMarohn)	1-4-5	5-2
3	Lucky Lil Lady	(DDube)	6-3-5	20-1
4	Disaronno Hill	(GBrennan)	2-4-2	8-1
5	PembrokeSouthe	(Segelmn)	1-6-2	7-2
6	Racey Rach N	(JStratton)	2-7-3	6-1
7	Stay Happy	(VGinsburg)	7-5-10	20-1
8	Badditude	(CKelly)	1-2-1	15-1

FIFTH: Mile trot; $22,000; claiming

1	Jas Bluestone	(JMarohn)	5-3-4	8-5
2	Hat Trick Marleau	(JStratton)	1-2-4	6-1
3	Whiskey Peddler	(CKelly)	5-1-7	8-1
4	Cactustotheclds	(ASegelmn)	4-4-5	6-1
5	WarraweeWhisper	(Lchnce)	7-1-7	3-1
6	B Nicking	(GBrennan)	6-2-2	12-1
7	Sea Can	(DDube)	7-4-3	20-1
8	P L Oscar	(BHolland)	6-2-4	20-1

SIXTH: Mile trot; $28,000; cond

1	Street Gossip	(ASiegelman)	8-2-3	8-1
2	Wheelzablazin	(JStratton)	1-7-1	4-1
3	Theobald	(VGinsburg)	2-1-1	5-1
4	Blockchain	(DDube)	6-1-1	5-2
5	My Man Peter	(PLachance)	1-1-7	5-1
6	Bjm's Lil Man	(CKelly)	2-5-6	6-1
7	Ritson	(BHolland)	3-1-1	20-1
8	Full Of Muscles	(GBrennan)	3-2-5	8-1

SEVENTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Barbados Babe	(JStratton)	3-7-6	4-1
2	DuckIntoTheNite	(ASegelmn)	4-4-3	20-1
3	Two Bean Dream	(CKelly)	2-5-1	3-1
4	Who's Perfect	(DDube)	8-6-5	4-1
5	SpDancinwithstrz	(GBrennn)	1-5-2	4-1
6	Spirit Of Pearl A	(BHolland)	8-2-8	6-1
7	Sweet Sandy	(JMarohn)	3-3-7	20-1
8	MsFrancesAssisi	(PLachnce)	1-7-4	6-1

EIGHTH: Mile trot; $22,000; claiming

1	Beacon Beach	(ASiegelman)	7-6-7	5-2
2	Kays In Charge	(JStratton)	1-2-2	6-5
3	Bully Boy Hill	(GBrennan)	7-3-3	6-1
4	Novel	(DDube)	4-3-8	15-1
5	Soncando	(JMarohn)	4-2-6	20-1
6	For A Dreamer	(BHolland)	6-2-4	12-1
7	Sevenshadesfgrey	(Gnsbrg)	7-2-2	20-1
8	Mon Amour	(CKelly)	3-5-1	8-1

NINTH: Mile trot; $28,000; cond

1	My Degenerate	(AMiller)	2-3-2	8-5
2	Seven Layer	(VGinsburg)	1-1-4	9-2
3	Sunday Shoes	(GBrennan)	5-1-3	6-1
4	Massive Desire	(JStratton)	2-6-1	4-1
5	The Brodster	(DDube)	7-3-1	20-1
6	Mahone Seelster	(CKelly)	3-5-6	20-1
7	High Speed Swan	(JMarohn)	1-3-3	6-1
8	Torrone	(BHolland)	1-6-5	15-1

TENTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	Advance Man	(JMarohn)	4-1-7	8-1
2	Two Faced	(DDube)	3-4-4	6-1
3	Camouflage Money	(CKelly)	5-7-1	3-1
4	Last Beach	(ASiegelman)	6-5-1	7-2
5	SouthbeachHanover	(BHllnd)	6-8-1	5-2
6	BlockbusterTrade	(PLchnce)	3-8-4	20-1
7	Decision Day	(JStratton)	2-2-6	5-1
8	Cellmate	(VGinsburg)	7-2-7	20-1

Wimbledon

At All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; London; Purse: €30,060,000; Wednesday (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Quarterfinals

Arthur Fery, Britain, def. Flavio Cobolli (9), Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-0.

Alexander Zverev (2), Germany, def. **Taylor Fritz (6), United States**, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Women's Singles - Quarterfinals

Marta Kostyuk (12), Ukraine, def. Jasmine Paolini (13), Italy, 6-3, 6-2.

Linda Noskova (9), Czechia, def. Elise Mertens (25), Belgium, 6-3, 7-5.

FIFA World Cup

QUARTERFINAL
Thursday
France vs. Morocco, 4pm
Friday
Spain vs. Belgium, 3pm
Saturday
Norway vs. England, 5pm
Argentina vs. Switzerland, 9pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	4	1	28	21	13
Portland	8	3	3	27	24	14
Washington	7	2	3	24	20	10
Utah Royals FC	7	3	3	24	20	13
Kansas City	8	5	0	24	21	17
North Carolina	6	3	3	21	20	14
Gotham FC	**6**	**3**	**3**	**21**	**12**	**7**
Orlando	5	6	2	17	18	19
Angel City	5	6	1	16	18	14
Denver Summit FC	4	5	3	15	17	16
Seattle	4	6	2	14	11	16
Houston	4	7	2	14	15	21
Bay FC	3	6	3	12	11	19
Chicago	4	9	0	12	8	26
Boston Legacy FC	2	7	4	10	13	21
Louisville	2	9	1	7	15	24

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday
Chicago at Boston Legacy FC, 8pm
Bay FC at Louisville, 8pm
Kansas City at Orlando, 8pm
Gotham FC at Utah Royals FC, 10pm
Saturday
Washington at North Carolina, 6:30pm
Angel City at San Diego, 8:45pm
Sunday
Portland at Seattle, 4pm
Houston at Denver Summit FC, 7pm
Wednesday, July 15
Boston Legacy FC at Orlando, 7pm
Washington at **Gotham FC**, 8pm
Friday, July 17
San Diego at Kansas City, 8pm
Saturday, July 18
Seattle at **Gotham FC**, 12pm
Portland at Denver Summit FC, 2pm
North Carolina at Bay FC, 4pm
Angel City at Chicago, 6:30pm
Houston at Louisville, 8pm
Orlando at Utah Royals FC, 8:45pm
Sunday, July 19
Washington at Boston Legacy FC, 7pm

NBA Summer League Schedule

Wednesday
No Games Scheduled
Thursday
Minnesota vs. New Orleans, 3:30pm
San Antonio vs. Atlanta, 4:30pm
Detroit vs. Philadelphia, 5:30pm
Golden State vs. Dallas, 7pm
Charlotte vs. Orlando, 7:30pm
Utah vs. Washington, 9pm
Sacramento vs. L.A. Clippers, 11pm
Friday
Nets vs. **Knicks**, 6pm
Milwaukee vs. Miami, 4pm
Cleveland vs. Miami, 4:30pm
Houston vs. Denver, 6:30pm
Chicago vs. Memphis, 8pm
Boston vs. Toronto, 9pm
Oklahoma City vs. L.A. Lakers, 10pm
Portland vs. Phoenix, 11pm

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The POST Line

MLB
Thursday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
RAYS	$134-158	**Yankees**
METS	$123-152	Royals
Guardians	$106-130	TWINS
Red Sox	-103-118	WHITE SOX
TIGERS	$118-143	Athletics
RANGERS	$122-149	Angels
Braves	-107-115	PIRATES
Phillies	$135-166	REDS
Brewers	$105-127	CARDINALS
PADRES	$102-124	Diamondbacks
GIANTS	OFF	Rockies
ORIOLES	$108-132	Cubs
Mariners	$120-142	MARLINS

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Thursday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
DREAM	10.5 (168.5)	Storm
Aces	8.5 (174.5)	FIRE

FIFA World Cup
Thursday- Quarterfinals

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
France	$270-375	Morocco
game held in Foxborough, Mass.		
	Friday	
Spain	$240-325	Belgium
game held in Los Angeles		
	Saturday	
*England	$175-225	Norway
**Argentina	$230-300	Switzerland
*Miami, **Kansas City, Mo.		

CFL
Thursday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
ELKS	7 (58.5)	Redblacks
	Friday	
Argonauts	2.5 (60.5)	BLUE BOMBERS
	Saturday	
ALOUETTES	3.5 (62.5)	Stampeders
	Sunday	
ROUGHRIDERS	8.5 (54.5)	Tiger-Cats

TOP PLAY

2 tops 1 in Vegas showdown

By MALIK SMITH

The Las Vegas NBA Summer League tips off Thursday with a loaded slate of games taking place at Thomas & Mack Center.

Among the games worth watching, one stands above the rest: Jazz vs. Wizards. It's a matchup NBA fans would have avoided like the plague in recent regular seasons, but after the teams landed the top two draft picks this year, the NBA world gets to see a glimpse of the future of the league.

No. 1 overall pick AJ Dybantsa is expected to make his debut in this game for the Wizards and No. 2 overall pick Darryn Peterson already has two Salt Lake City Summer League games under his belt.

He scored 28 points in his first game against the Hawks and followed that up with a 25-point, 12-assist outing against the Grizzlies, building the buzz.

Peterson made it clear that beating No. 3 pick Cameron Boozer and the Grizzlies in his second game was a motivating factor, so we can expect that he'll take it to Dybantsa, too. As much as this game will be billed as Peterson vs Dybantsa, there are other players on each roster, including other players at the NBA level.

That's the more important factor: Who wins the game vs. who wins the rookie showcase. The Jazz also have Cody Williams and Ace Bailey, two players who each played over 65 games last season. Both guys have played meaningful minutes in the NBA already and are looking to show they are overqualified for the Vegas minutes.

The line here is basically a coin flip because minutes are so unpredictable, but I think the Jazz roster has more talent and the benefit of playing three games in Utah.

I'll throw down a small bet on Peterson and the Jazz to kick off their Vegas schedule with a win.

THE PLAY: Jazz moneyline (-130, bet365).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026		*REC	'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA		W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Yankees	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rays	Rasmussen (R)	(1:10pm)	7-4	2.78	9-8	1-0	0.00	4-1	1-1	17.0	3.71
Royals	Wacha (R)		5-6	3.45	5-13	0-0	1.80	5-4	1-1	20.2	2.61
Mets	Manaea (L)	(1:10pm)	1-4	5.16	1-4	0-1	2.70	2-3	0-2	13.2	5.27
Cubs	Peterson (L)		4-7	6.75	3-7	0-0	1.29	1-1	1-2	13.1	10.80
Orioles	Rogers (L)	(6:35pm)	6-7	4.70	7-9	0-1	1.12	0-1	3-0	18.1	0.49
Mariners	Miller (R)		4-2	1.71	4-4	0-0	0.00	1-1	1-2	17.2	2.04
Marlins	Junk (R)	(6:40pm)	3-5	4.80	5-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-2	15.2	9.19
Guardians	Williams (R)		9-4	3.89	12-6	0-1	7.50	3-3	0-0	14.2	4.30
Twins	Paredes (R)	(1:40pm)	0-2	4.60	3-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	14.1	5.02
Red Sox	Sandoval (L)		—	—	—	—	—	0-3	0-0	13.0	5.54
White Sox	Kay (L)	(2:10pm)	6-3	4.29	9-7	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-1	13.2	2.63
Athletics	Perkins (R)		2-4	6.75	1-5	—	—	0-0	0-1	13.2	8.56
Tigers	Valdez (L)	(6:40pm)	4-6	4.29	7-11	2-0	2.08	6-4	1-1	17.0	5.29
Angels	Detmers (L)		3-6	4.13	8-10	0-0	1.12	3-3	0-1	16.2	6.48
Rangers	Eovaldi (R)	(8:05pm)	9-7	4.02	10-7	0-1	3.86	5-3	3-0	18.0	3.00
Braves	Elder (R)		5-6	4.01	9-8	0-0	3.00	1-2	0-3	14.0	12.21
Pirates	Keller (R)	(12:35pm)	6-6	5.02	9-9	0-1	11.57	1-4	1-2	18.0	5.50
Phillies	Luzardo (L)		7-4	3.74	12-6	0-1	3.00	1-3	1-0	17.2	1.53
Reds	Singer (R)	(7:10pm)	3-8	5.03	6-11	0-0	0.00	1-1	0-2	16.1	3.86
Brewers	Henderson (R)		2-1	2.74	3-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	15.0	1.80
Cardinals	Pallante (R)	(7:45pm)	10-5	3.60	11-6	0-1	7.50	0-3	2-1	18.1	2.95
D'Backs	Kelly (R)		6-8	5.71	6-9	0-2	3.75	9-6	1-2	17.0	5.29
Padres	Canning (R)	(9:40pm)	1-6	6.71	2-7	1-0	1.80	2-2	0-1	14.1	6.28
Rockies	Feltner (R)		3-2	4.27	6-6	2-0	1.50	2-3	1-0	18.0	2.50
Giants	TBD	(9:45pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Cease almost gets no-hitter

Toronto's **Dylan Cease** worked eight no-hit innings against the Giants before allowing a single to **Heliot Ramos** leading off the ninth as the Blue Jays rolled to a 10-0 victory in San Francisco.

Cease (6-4) was pulled after Ramos' clean line-drive single to center and got a standing ovation from the San Francisco crowd. The All-Star right-hander threw a career-high 118 pitches, 81 for strikes. Former Giants reliever **Tyler Rogers** got the final three outs on four pitches.

● **Justin Verlander** is calling it a career. The future Hall of Famer announced on social media that this season will be his last, as injuries have sidelined him in Detroit for all but one start.

Verlander, 43, pitched in just one game this year, posting a poor start and immediately being placed on the injured list with a hip injury that has sidelined him for three months.

● In Pittsburgh, **Joey Bart** hit a two-run home run with two outs in the eighth inning, lifting NL East-leading Atlanta to a 3-0 win over his former team after Pirates starter **Jared Jones** pitched six perfect innings before being lifted.

● In Miami, **Kyle Stowers** homered, major league batting leader **Otto López** had his 40th multi-hit game and the Marlins beat the Mariners 2-0.

● In Baltimore, **Pete Crow-Armstrong** hit two of Chicago's five home runs and the Cubs outslugged the Orioles 9-7.

● In Minneapolis, **Alan Roden** hit a game-winning RBI single in the ninth inning as the Twins beat Cleveland 6-5 on for their fourth straight win over the Guardians.

● In Cincinnati, **Sal Stewart** hit two homers — including one when Cincinnati went deep four times in the fourth inning — and the Reds defeated the Phillies 11-5.

● In Chicago, **Jake Bennett** and two relievers combined on a four-hit shutout and **Tsung-Che Cheng** had a pair of RBI singles as the Red Sox earned a 5-0 victory against the White Sox.

● In Detroit, **Jake Rogers** and **Spencer Torkelson** homered and the Tigers won their fourth straight game, beating the Athletics 6-1.

NHL: Devils lose bid to sign Hayton

The Utah Mammoth said they have matched New Jersey's offer sheet to **Barrett Hayton**, signing the 26-year-old center to a $4.775 million contract for next season.

Utah would have received the Devils' 2027 second-round pick as compensation if it did not match. It cost New Jersey nothing to take the risk on the restricted free agent, as Philadelphia did with its $90 million offer sheet to Anaheim's **Leo Carlsson** on Friday. Hayton is coming off putting up 25 points in 67 regular-season games.

● Blackhawks center **Connor Bedard** will miss the start of the season after he had surgery on his left shoulder. Team physician **Michael Terry** said Bedard is expected "to make a full recovery in an approximate timeline of four months."

WNBA: Sparks spoil Clark's return

Nneka Ogwumike had 24 points, eight rebounds and five assists and the Los Angeles Sparks spoiled **Caitlin Clark**'s return, beating the Indiana Fever 106-92 on Wednesday night in Los Angeles to snap a three-game losing streak.

Clark returned after missing two games because of a back injury. She had nine points in 16 minutes for Indiana (12-9). **Kelsey Mitchell** led the Fever with 29 points.

STITCHES

My advice? Take Bravos, Bryce

"Breaking News. Partial collapse in New York City." No, not the Mets or Yanks. A building on 42nd Street and Second Avenue buckled. With nine city blocks already evacuated, skywalking sweethearts Angela Nikolau and Ivan Kuznetsov, fresh off their "Will you marry me?" while hanging from the Empire State Building antenna, have decided to scale the damaged structure and marry on the roof. Friends and family will have access to the freight elevators and will receive parachutes in lieu of gift bags. U.S. soccer goalie Matt Freese will be in charge of security, so you should be able to sneak past him if you wish to attend.

Another quick pick. Braves/Pirates. $50 on Bryce Elder and the Bravos.

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A no-no? No. Dylan Cease took a no-hitter into the 9th inning but a leadoff single ended his 118-pitch masterpiece. Kazuma "Kabooma" Okamoto hit a grand slam and the Jays won a laugher in Frisco 10-0. Down -39 tomcandiottis.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 9	FRI July 10	SAT July 11	SUN July 12	MON July 13
	Tampa Bay 1:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Washington 6:45 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Washington 4:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Washington 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME
	Kansas City 1:10 SNY 880 AM	Boston 7:15 Apple TV 880 AM	Boston 4:10 SNY FS1 880 AM	Boston 1:40 PIX11 880 AM	NO GAME
	NO GAME	NO GAME	Minnesota 1:00 ABC	Toronto 3:00 Fox 5	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22	Wednesday, July 22	Friday
FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	Utah Royals FC 10:00 Victory+

Today's Sports on the Air

	MLB BASEBALL	
12:30 p.m.	Braves at Pirates	MLBN
1:10 p.m.	Royals at Mets	SNY, 880 AM
1:10 p.m.	Yankees at Rays	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7 p.m.	Phillies at Reds	MLBN
10 p.m.	Diamondbacks at Padres (joined in progress)	MLBN
	MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP	
4 p.m.	Quarterfinal: France vs. Morocco	Fox, Telemundo
	NBA BASKETBALL: SUMMER LEAGUE	
3:30 p.m.	Timberwolves vs. Pelicans	Prime Video
4:30 p.m.	Spurs vs. Hawks	ESPN2
5:30 p.m.	Pistons vs. 76ers	Prime Video
7 p.m.	Warriors vs. Mavericks	ESPN
7:30 p.m.	Hornets vs. Magic	Prime Video
9 p.m.	Jazz vs. Wizards	ESPN
11 p.m.	Kings vs. Clippers	ESPN
	TENNIS	
8 a.m.	WTA: Wimbledon, Semifinals	ESPN
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Newport: Challenger- Early Rounds	Tennis
1 p.m.	ATP/WTA: Wimbledon, Mixed Doubles Championship	ESPN
	WNBA BASKETBALL	
8 p.m.	Storm at Dream	Prime Video
10 p.m.	Fever at Mercury	Prime Video
	GOLF	
6 a.m.	LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, 1st Round	Golf
11 a.m.	DP World/PGA Tour: Genesis Scottish Open, 1st Round	Golf
2 p.m.	PGA Tour Champions: Kaulig Companies Championship, 1st Rd.	Golf
4 p.m.	DP World/PGA Tour: ISCO Championship, 1st Round	Golf
	SOFTBALL	
8 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Talons at Spark	ESPNU
	HORSE RACING	
1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
	AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL	
5:25 a.m. (Fri.)	North Melbourne at Collingwood	FS2
	CYCLING	
6 a.m.	UCI: Tour de France, Stage 6	NBCSN

UFC

Favorites at UFC 329: Saturday — Las Vegas

FIGHTER	ODDS	FIGHTER	ODDS
Max Holloway	-225	Gable Steveson	-3000
vs. Conor McGregor	+185	vs. Elisha Ellison	+1150
Benoit Saint-Denis	-145	Cody Garbrandt	+340
vs. Paddy Pimblett	+120	vs. Adrian Yanez	-450
Cory Sandhagen	-150	Kai Kamaka III	+225
vs. Mario Bautista	+125	vs. Luke Riley	-285
Brandon Royval	+180	Tracy Cortez	-115
vs. Lone'er Kavanagh	-220	vs. Wang Cong	-105
Terrance McKinney	-150	Damian Pinas	-225
vs. King Green	+125	vs. Cesar Almeida	+185
Robert Whittaker	-140	Farid Basharat	-650
vs. Nikita Krylov	+115	vs. John Garza	+475

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP
Odds to win championship

TEAM	ODDS
France	+175
Argentina	+350
Spain	+350
England	+450
Norway	14/1
Belgium	28/1
Switzerland	28/1
Morocco	28/1

To reach final

TEAM	ODDS
France	-110
Argentina	+130
Spain	+160
England	+180
Norway	+450
Switzerland	+900
Morocco	10/1
Belgium	11/1

Top goal scorer

PLAYER (TEAM)	ODDS
Lionel Messi (Argentina)	+110
Kylian Mbappé (France)	+130
Erling Haaland (Norway)	+600
Harry Kane (England)	+700
Mikel Oyarzabal (Spain)	40/1
Ousmane Dembélé (France)	50/1
Jude Bellingham (England)	100/1

Thursday Quarterfinal France vs. Morocco

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
France	-180
Draw	+280
Morocco	+550

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	-130
Under 2.5	+106

ANYTIME GOAL (including extra time)	ODDS
Kylian Mbappé (France)	-120
Ousmane Dembélé (France)	+195
Michael Olise (France)	+220
Désiré Doué (France)	+240
Bradley Barcola (France)	+240
Soufiane Rahimi (Mor)	+400
Brahim Díaz (Mor)	+490
Adrien Rabiot (France)	+500
Azzedine Ounahi (Mor)	+700
Bilal El Khannouss (Mor)	+800

KYLIAN MBAPPÉ PROPS (including extra time)	ODDS
To score first goal	+270
To score 2 or more goals	+480
To score 3 or more goals	20/1
Te record an assist	+240
To score goal or record an assist	-190
To have 3 or more shots on target	+150
To have 4 or more shots on target	+420

BET SMART

French pick's easy as *un, deux, trois*

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

Four years ago, Morocco shocked everybody by making it to the semifinals of the World Cup. To get there, the Atlas Lions played like a quintessential underdog. They defended with their lives and then capitalized on whatever counterattacking opportunities presented themselves during a given match.

It wasn't the most entertaining brand of soccer, but it was effective. Morocco topped its 2022 group ahead of Croatia, Belgium and Canada, and then they defeated Spain and Portugal before bowing out against France in the semifinals.

You'd think the Atlas Lions would have just run that same recipe back for 2026, but the Royal Moroccan Football Federation made a gutsy call when it essentially strong-armed Walid Regragui into resigning from his post as head coach so it could hire Mohamed Ouahbi, a more progressive manager, to take over the program for this World Cup.

After leading Morocco to the World Cup semifinals, Regragui guided it to the title at the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations, but the powers that be thought Regragui's pragmatic philosophy had run its course. You can only come out on the right side of a coin flip so many times in a row.

More importantly, the decision-makers believed Morocco had enough talent to go toe to toe with the best teams in the world.

So far, they've been proven right. Morocco opened the tournament with a draw against Brazil and ousted the Netherlands and Canada in its first two knockout matches. This earned the Atlas Lions a shot at France — and revenge — in the quarterfinals Thursday afternoon.

The only problem is that France is well equipped to handle what Morocco will throw at it at Gillette Stadium.

Under the guidance of Didier Deschamps, *Les Bleus* have turned into a juggernaut. Deschamps gets flak for being too conservative given the amount of talent at his disposal, but his philosophy is that if you take care of business in your own end, it means you only need a moment or two from your stars to be the difference.

And when you've got a lineup filled with game-breakers such as Kylian Mbappé, Désiré Doué, Ousmane Dembélé and Michael Olise, the chances are that you will get more than just one moment of magic over the course of 90 minutes.

As romantic as it will be to watch a David try to take down Goliath with style and flair, Morocco is playing right into France's strengths.

Sweden, France's opponent in the Round of 32, took a different approach. The Swedes threw caution to the wind and gave it a real go. It didn't work. *Les Bleus* cruised to a 3-0 victory, and it could have been a lot worse. France took 25 shots, got 12 on target, and created seven big scoring chances against the Swedes.

Morocco is a better team than Sweden, but it's far from a force. The Atlas Lions got the job done in a 3-0 win over Canada in the Round of 16, but the box score shows that the North Africans really rode their luck in that contest. Canada doubled up Morocco on shot attempts 10-5 and had 24 more touches in the opponent's 18-yard box. With some better finishing, we could have been talking about the Canadians taking on France instead of the Moroccans.

If Canada was able to get inroads against the Moroccan defense, France should relish the chance to get at the Atlas Lions on Thursday.

The prices on *Les Bleus* are steep, but there is plenty of value by isolating the matchup between France's clinical attack against Morocco's defense, which will have a lot of work to do given how many players Ouahbi likes to send forward.

France has scored at least three goals in all but one match at this World Cup, and it is +265 (FanDuel) to hit that mark Thursday. Run, don't walk to that price.

Kylian Mbappé

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	54	36	.600	—	—	7-3	W-2	33-13	21-23
Yankees	50	42	.543	5	+4	2-8	L-2	23-20	27-22
Toronto	44	49	.473	11½	2½	5-5	W-2	24-25	20-24
Boston	42	48	.467	12	3	8-2	W-5	17-27	25-21
Baltimore	42	51	.452	13½	4½	3-7	L-3	24-25	18-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	47	44	.516	—	—	4-6	L-2	28-16	19-28
Cleveland	47	46	.505	1	+½	4-6	L-4	24-22	23-24
Minnesota	46	47	.495	2	½	7-3	W-4	24-23	22-24
Detroit	42	50	.457	5½	4	7-3	W-4	25-21	17-29
Kansas City	38	55	.409	10	8½	4-6	L-1	21-26	17-29

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	47	46	.505	—	—	5-5	L-2	27-20	20-26
Texas	46	46	.500	½	—	6-4	L-1	21-21	25-25
Houston	46	49	.484	2	1½	5-5	L-1	23-24	23-25
Athletics	41	51	.446	5½	5	1-9	L-5	19-28	22-23
Los Angeles	37	56	.398	10	9½	3-7	W-1	21-25	16-31

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Wednesday

Tampa Bay 3, **Yankees** 0
Mets 6, Kansas City 2
Toronto 10, San Francisco 0
Miami 2, Seattle 0
Detroit 6, Athletics 1
Cubs 9, Baltimore 7
Washington 8, Houston 2
Boston 5, White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 13, Texas 1
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 5

Thursday

Kansas City at **Mets**, 1:10
Yankees at Tampa Bay, 1:10
Cleveland at Minnesota, 1:40
Boston at White Sox, 2:10
Cubs at Baltimore, 6:35
Athletics at Detroit, 6:40
Seattle at Miami, 6:40
L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	53	38	.582	—	—	4-6	W-1	27-18	26-20
Miami	51	42	.548	3	—	7-3	W-5	30-17	21-25
Philadelphia	51	42	.548	3	—	5-5	L-1	25-21	26-21
Washington	48	46	.511	6½	3½	6-4	W-1	20-28	28-18
Mets	39	54	.419	15	12	4-6	W-1	20-25	19-29

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	58	34	.630	—	—	7-3	L-1	29-18	29-16
Chicago	52	40	.565	6	+1	8-2	W-3	27-19	25-21
St. Louis	48	43	.527	9½	2	5-5	W-1	24-24	24-19
Pittsburgh	47	46	.505	11	4	6-4	L-1	24-23	23-23
Cincinnati	42	49	.462	15½	8	3-7	W-1	21-25	21-24

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	61	33	.649	—	—	7-3	W-1	31-16	30-17
San Diego	46	46	.500	14	4½	3-7	W-2	25-22	21-24
Arizona	45	47	.489	15	5½	4-6	L-2	27-20	18-27
San Francisco	38	54	.413	22	12½	4-6	L-2	19-24	19-30
Colorado	38	56	.404	23	13½	5-5	L-1	22-25	16-31

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Wednesday

Mets 6, Kansas City 2
Toronto 10, San Francisco 0
Miami 2, Seattle 0
Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 0
Cubs 9, Baltimore 7
Washington 8, Houston 2
San Diego 10, Arizona 4
L.A. Dodgers 4, Colorado 3
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 11, Philadelphia 5

Thursday

Kansas City at **Mets**, 1:10
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Cubs at Baltimore, 6:35
Seattle at Miami, 6:40
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:10
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:45
Arizona at San Diego, 9:40
Colorado at San Francisco, 9:45

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Solution to Very Easy #7,334

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Solution to Difficult #7,124

Rays 3, Yankees 0

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.257
Rice dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.272
Rosario 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.243
Bellinger lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.245
Domínguez rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.224
Volpe ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Schuemann cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Grisham ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Wells c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.148
Caballero 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Totals	32	0	6	0	0	11	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	4	1	4	0	0	0	.327
Aranda 1b	3	0	2	3	0	1	.284
Caminero 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.278
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.204
DeLuca rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Simpson lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.274
Williamson 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Walls ss	2	1	0	0	1	1	.224
Fortes c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.256
Totals	31	3	8	3	1	7	

Yankees	000 000 000 —	0	6	0
Tampa Bay	001 010 10x —	3	8	0

LOB: New York 5, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Díaz (16), Aranda (14). **RBIs:** Aranda 3 (61). **SB:** Simpson (22). **CS:** Caballero (8). **SF:** Aranda. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3 (Grisham, Domínguez, Wells); Tampa Bay 3 (Walls, Mullins 2). **RISP:** New York 0 for 5; Tampa Bay 2 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Caminero. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Fortes, Williamson, Fortes).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cole, L, 3-4	6.1	7	3	3	1	6	97	4.04
Cruz	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	15	2.35
Chivilli	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.93

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McClanahan, W, 8-5	6.1	4	0	0	0	5	85	2.83
Sulser, H, 8	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	27	5.49
Baker, S, 25-28	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	16	1.73

T: 2:19. **A:** 19,373 (25,025).

Braves 3, Pirates 0

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Harris cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.307
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.273
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.270
Baldwin dh	4	0	1	1	0	3	.253
Dubón lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Yastrzemski rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.228
Bart c	3	1	1	2	0	0	.160
Mateo ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Totals	32	3	5	3	0	13	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.300
Lowe 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.247
Reynolds lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.281
Valdez rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.295
O'Hearn 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.293
Gonzales 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.311
Ozuna dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.204
Triolo ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Davis c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.153
Totals	31	0	4	0	2	11	

Atlanta	000 000 021 —	3	5	0
Pittsburgh	000 000 000 —	0	4	0

LOB: Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 7. **2B:** Yastrzemski (10), Harris (16). **HR:** Bart (2), off Santana. **RBIs:** Bart 2 (6), Baldwin (44). **SB:** Reynolds (7). **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 1 (Dubón); Pittsburgh 2 (Valdez 2). **RISP:** Atlanta 2 for 5; Pittsburgh 0 for 1.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes	5.0	3	0	0	1	5	90	3.61
Fuentes	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	19	2.52
Dodd, W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.16
Lee, H, 19	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	1.52
Iglesias, S, 18-19	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	20	2.30

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jones	6.0	0	0	0	0	8	77	4.37
Montgomery	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	4.25
Santana, L, 2-4	1.0	2	2	2	0	2	16	5.17
Mattson	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	12	4.66

T: 2:17. **A:** 20,062 (38,753).

Mets 6, Royals 2

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	4	0	1	1	1	2	.247
Witt ss	5	0	1	0	0	2	.289
Caglianone 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.257
Thomas cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.233
Perez dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.212
Massey 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Marte ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Loftin 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.248
Collins lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.239
Tolbert rf-2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.373
Rojas ph	0	1	0	0	1	0	.160
Totals	35	2	8	2	3	7	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing cf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.279
Soto lf	3	0	0	0	2	1	.295
Bichette 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.258
Lindor ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.211
Benge rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.265
Polanco dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.188
Taylor pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.207
Young 1b	2	1	0	1	1	0	.227
Baty 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.218
Alvarez c	3	0	1	1	1	1	.253
Totals	33	6	9	5	5	6	

Kansas City	000 001 001 —	2	8	0
Mets	100 000 05x —	6	9	0

LOB: Kansas City 9, New York 9. **2B:** Caglianone (14), Loftin (15), Thomas (14), Jensen (18), Ewing (8). **HR:** Ewing (7), off Cruz. **RBIs:** Perez (36), Jensen (49), Ewing (24), Young (17), Baty 2 (30), Alvarez (21). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 5 (Witt 2, Thomas, Marte, Tolbert); New York 3 (Bichette 2, Lindor). **RISP:** Kansas City 2 for 11; New York 3 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Caglianone, Thomas.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cruz	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	14	5.22
Dobnak	5.2	3	0	0	3	2	95	1.86
Strahm	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	5.40
Lange, L, 0-5	0.2	3	5	5	1	0	38	5.92
Cuas	0.1	2	0	0	1	1	14	3.38

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Scott	5.0	3	0	0	1	5	90	3.17
Myers, BS, 1-4	2.0	3	1	1	1	1	39	6.14
Raley, W, 4-3	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	2.16
Curry	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	22	9.00

T: 2:54. **A:** 32,227 (42,136).

Cubs 9, Orioles 7

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	3	2	2	1	2	.296
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.240
Busch 1b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.233
Suzuki dh	4	1	1	3	0	0	.260
Happ lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.216
Hoerner 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.240
Conforto rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.250
Dean pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400
Kelly c	3	2	1	1	1	1	.283
Swanson ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.211
Totals	34	9	8	8	4	6	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	5	1	0	0	0	0	.220
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.259
Ward lf	4	1	2	1	1	1	.254
Alonso 1b	5	1	1	2	0	0	.250
Basallo dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Beavers rf-cf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.230
Mayo ph	1	1	1	1	0	0	.193
Taveras cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Cowser cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.221
O'Neill ph-rf	2	2	2	2	0	0	.193
Alexander 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.308
Holliday 2b	4	0	4	0	0	0	.212
Totals	38	7	14	6	2	4	

Chicago	001 030 500 —	9	8	0
Baltimore	001 200 220 —	7	14	1

E: Ward (1). **LOB:** Chicago 3, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Beavers (9), Holliday (3). **HR:** Crow-Armstrong 2 (21), off Kremer; Conforto (8), off Kremer; Kelly (5), off Kremer; Suzuki (14), off Wolfram; Alonso (20), off Rea; O'Neill (4), off Pomeranz; Mayo (11), off Thielbar; O'Neill (5), off Thielbar. **RBIs:** Crow-Armstrong 2 (52), Conforto (22), Kelly (31), Bregman (35), Suzuki 3 (45), Alonso 2 (62), O'Neill 2 (11), Ward (24), Mayo (33). **SB:** Hoerner (14). **CS:** Beavers (2), Happ (1). **SF:** Bregman. **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 5; Baltimore 1 for 6. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Swanson, Busch; Hoerner, Swanson, Busch).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rea, W, 7-5	5.1	7	3	3	2	2	91	4.75
Pomeranz, H, 8	1.1	3	2	2	0	0	22	5.40
Thornton	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.60
Thielbar	1.0	3	2	2	0	2	21	4.56
Webb, S, 4-8	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.18

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kremer, L, 1-2	5.0	6	4	4	1	4	92	4.09
Garcia	1.1	1	2	2	1	1	25	2.75
Wolfram	0.2	1	3	3	2	0	25	5.06
Suárez	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3.54
Wells	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.95

T: 2:55. **A:** 18,935 (45,971).

Blue Jays 10, Giants 0

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Clement 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.297
Lukes rf	4	2	2	0	1	0	.289
Guerrero 1b	5	1	1	2	0	0	.262
Springer dh	4	2	1	1	1	1	.222
Varsho cf	4	2	2	1	1	0	.246
Okamoto 3b	5	2	2	4	0	1	.237
Kirk c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.185
Clase lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Straw lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Giménez ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.234
Totals	40	10	11	9	4	3	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ramos lf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.278
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.324
Schmitt 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.275
Devers 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Lee rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.308
Adames ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	.229
Eldridge dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Gilbert cf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.240
Haase c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.162
Cavanaugh ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Totals	28	0	1	0	3	11	

Toronto	500 000 023 —	10	11	0
San Francisco	000 000 000 —	0	1	3

E: Adames (13), Devers 2 (7). **LOB:** Toronto 7, San Francisco 4. **HR:** Okamoto (21), off Webb; Guerrero (5), off Walker; Springer (9), off Walker. **RBIs:** Varsho (24), Okamoto 4 (59), Giménez (37), Guerrero 2 (37), Springer (22). **SB:** Varsho (8). **RISP:** Toronto 3 for 10; San Francisco 0 for 0. **Runners moved up:** Guerrero, Okamoto.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cease, W, 6-4	8.0	1	0	0	3	11	118	2.56
Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.73

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Webb, L, 5-7	7.0	5	5	5	2	2	106	3.86
Bivens	1.0	3	2	0	1	1	31	0.00
Walker	1.0	3	3	3	1	0	28	7.52

T: 2:30. **A:** 34,023 (41,915).

Nationals 8, Astros 2

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Y.Alvarez dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.310
Paredes 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.253
Walker 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.242
Smith rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Diaz c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.242
Matthews cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.200
Dezenzo lf	3	1	2	0	0	1	.222
Allen ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Totals	34	2	8	1	0	10	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	2	2	0	0	3	1	.269
García 1b	4	2	3	3	1	0	.291
Mead 3b	3	0	0	0	2	1	.240
Abrams ss	3	1	1	2	1	0	.276
Lile lf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.252
Crews cf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.226
Vivas 2b	3	0	1	0	2	0	.249
Tena dh	4	0	0	1	0	1	.234
Ruiz c	3	1	1	1	0	0	.280
Totals	31	8	9	8	10	3	

Houston	000 010 010 —	2	8	0
Washington	002 330 00x —	8	9	1

E: Abrams (15). **LOB:** Houston 5, Washington 11. **2B:** Paredes (17), Diaz (8), Walker (18), Vivas (8), Lile (21). **HR:** García (20), off Arrighetti; Abrams (20), off Arrighetti. **RBIs:** Matthews (22), Abrams 2 (67), Lile (44), García 3 (68), Tena (20), Ruiz (34). **SB:** Wood (15), García (4), Matthews (4). **SF:** Abrams, Ruiz. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 4 (Matthews, Altuve, Smith, Paredes); Washington 7 (Lile, Ruiz, Wood, Vivas 2, Crews 2). **RISP:** Houston 2 for 11; Washington 2 for 15. **Runners moved up:** Diaz, Mead, Tena, Lile. **GIDP:** Walker. **DP:** Washington 1 (Abrams, Vivas, García).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Arrighetti, L, 7-5	4.0	7	8	8	6	2	94	4.50
Santa	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	38	1.17
Pearson	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	18	3.60
Javier	1.0	1	0	0	2	0	30	10.22

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Griffin, W, 10-2	7.0	5	1	1	0	9	99	2.77
Ribalta	1.0	2	1	0	0	1	21	3.29
Lawrence	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	17	7.44

T: 2:54. **A:** 17,760 (41,376).

Dodgers 4, Rockies 3

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.302
Moniak lf	2	0	0	1	0	1	.279
d-Goodman ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Carrigg cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.307
Rumfield 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.296
Karros 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.263
Johnston rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.307
T.Freeman ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Julien 2b	2	1	1	1	0	1	.228
Castro ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.265
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.204
Sullivan c	1	1	0	0	1	0	.218
Fulford ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Totals	32	3	5	3	2	10	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.294
Edman 2b	4	2	2	0	0	1	.340
F.Freeman 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.296
Betts ss	3	1	1	1	1	1	.236
Muncy 3b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.265
Hernández lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Tucker rf	3	0	1	2	0	0	.249
Call cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Pages cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Alfonzo c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	31	4	7	3	2	9	

Colorado	021 000 000 —	3	5	0
Los Angeles	300 000 01x —	4	7	1

E: Muncy (6). **LOB:** Colorado 5, Los Angeles 5. **2B:** Karros (18), McCarthy (17), F.Freeman (23), Muncy (14). **HR:** Karros (8), off Sasaki; Julien (3), off Sasaki. **RBIs:** Karros (31), Julien (20), Moniak (38), Tucker 2 (47), Betts (29). **SF:** Moniak. **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 4 (Tovar 2, Karros 2); Los Angeles 3 (Hernández 2, Call). **RISP:** Colorado 0 for 7; Los Angeles 2 for 7.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hughes	6.0	4	3	3	2	7	94	3.00
Bernardino	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.13
Senzatela, L, 8-1	1.0	3	1	1	0	2	29	3.06

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sasaki	6.0	4	3	3	1	5	78	5.33
Dreyer	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.19
Vesia	0.2	1	0	0	1	2	18	2.35
Henriquez, W, 3-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.45
Scott, S, 13-15	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	2.63

T: 2:25. **A:** 49,996 (56,000).

This Date in Sports

1954 — Peter Thomson becomes the first Australian to win the British Open. Thomson shoots a 9-under 283 at Royal Birkdale Golf Club, edging Bobby Locke, Dai Rees and Syd Scott by one stroke.

1966 — Jack Nicklaus wins the British Open with a 282 at Muirfield to join Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan and Gary Player as the only men to win the four majors.

1967 — Mark Spitz and Catie Ball, both 17, swim to world records, and 14-year-old Debbie Meyer sets two records in one race in the Santa Clara International Invitational swim meet. Spitz sets a 100-meter butterfly record at 56.3 and Ball becomes the first U.S. swimmer to set a world record for the breaststroke with a 2:40.5 time for 200 meters. Meyer breaks the 800-meter freestyle record in 9 minutes, 35.8 seconds on the way to a record 18:11.1 in the 1,500.

1968 — Wilt Chamberlain becomes the first reigning NBA MVP to be traded the next season when he moves from Philadelphia 76'ers to LA Lakers.

1988 — Nolan Ryan is 7th to win 100 game on 2 teams, as the Astros beat the Mets 6-3.

1989 — Boris Becker and Steffi Graf claim a West German sweep of the Wimbledon singles crowns in the first double finals day in 16 years. Becker wins his third Wimbledon title in five years, rolling past defending champion Stefan Edberg 6-0, 7-6 (1), 6-4, while Graf takes her second straight championship over Martina Navratilova 6-2, 6-7 (1), 6-1.

2006 — Italy wins its fourth World Cup title winning the shootout 5-3 against France, after a 1-1 draw. Outplayed for an hour and into extra time, the Italians win it after French captain Zinedine Zidane is ejected in the 107th for a vicious butt to the chest of Marco Materazzi.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yelich dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.242
Chourio lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.282
Bauers 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.265
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Mitchell cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.276
Lara rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Pratt ss	3	0	2	1	0	0	.238
Ortiz 3b-2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.226
Frelick ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Jones 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.087
Vaughn ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.321
Totals	**32**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**9**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Winn ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.250
Herrera dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Walker rf	4	2	2	1	0	0	.294
Velázquez lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Church cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Burleson 1b	4	1	2	3	0	0	.277
Fermín 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.270
Jordan 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.229
Nootbaar cf-lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Pagés c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.214
Totals	**32**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**0**	**7**	

Milwaukee	**000 000 100 —**	**1**	**7**	**1**
St. Louis	**200 102 00x —**	**5**	**7**	**0**

E: Jones (2). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 3. **2B:** Mitchell (18), Ortiz (7), Winn (12), Walker (19), Burleson (21). **HR:** Fermín (4), off Harrison; Burleson (15), off Koenig. **RBIs:** Pratt (5), Walker (70), Burleson 3 (66), Fermín (18). **SB:** Walker (12). **CS:** Pratt (1). **SF:** Pratt. **RISP:** Milwaukee 2 for 6; St. Louis 3 for 6.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Harrison, L, 8-2	4.0	4	3	3	0	2	70	3.01
Anderson	1.1	1	1	1	0	2	26	3.32
Koenig	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	16	2.57
Stallings	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	23	0.00

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McGreevy, W, 4-7	6.1	5	1	1	1	6	90	3.01
Gastelum	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	8	0.00
Romero	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	20	3.51
O'Brien	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	3.62

T: 2:27. **A:** 20,395 (44,494).

Red Sox 5, White Sox 0

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Seigler 2b	1	1	0	0	1	0	.293
Monasterio 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.223
Rafaela cf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.286
Abreu rf	5	0	1	0	0	3	.260
Contreras 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.285
R.Gonzalez 1b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.308
Yoshida dh	5	1	1	0	0	2	.259
Durbin 3b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.225
Duran lf	3	1	0	0	1	3	.199
Narváez c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.192
Cheng ss	3	1	2	2	1	1	.273
Totals	**35**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**3**	**11**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Vargas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Grichuk dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
C.Montgomery 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.218
Meidroth 2b-ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.265
Antonacci lf-2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.293
B.Montgomery rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Perez cf-lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.179
Teel c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Acuña ss	2	0	2	0	0	0	.229
Peters ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.290
Totals	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**6**	

Boston	**003 200 000 —**	**5**	**10**	**0**
Chicago	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**4**	**1**

E: Acuña (4). **LOB:** Boston 9, Chicago 4. **2B:** Rafaela (21), Abreu (19), Durbin (18). **RBIs:** Cheng 2 (4), Rafaela (39), Narváez (6). **SB:** Durbin (10). **CS:** Cheng (2). **S:** Narváez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 5 (Rafaela, Yoshida, Contreras, Duran, Cheng); Chicago 1 (Teel). **RISP:** Boston 4 for 16; Chicago 0 for 3.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bennett, W, 4-3	7.0	4	0	0	1	4	81	2.64
Weissert	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.79
Morán	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	2.95

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martin, L, 9-4	4.0	6	5	5	2	2	84	3.41
Murphy	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	26	4.79
Domínguez	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	13	4.55
Hudson	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	24	2.25
Richards	2.0	3	0	0	0	4	47	3.31

T: 2:39. **A:** 23,973 (40,241).

Reds 11, Phillies 5

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Harper 1b	3	1	0	0	2	0	.264
Schwarber dh	4	1	1	1	1	2	.254
Marsh lf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.305
Stott 2b	3	0	0	1	1	1	.245
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.222
Rincones rf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.211
Crawford cf	3	1	2	1	1	1	.262
Realmuto c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.202
Marchán c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Sosa ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.221
Totals	**32**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**8**	**7**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	3	3	2	2	2	0	.274
Stewart 3b	4	2	2	3	1	0	.256
Bleday lf	4	2	2	2	1	0	.239
Suárez dh	4	0	0	0	1	3	.204
Steer 1b	4	1	2	0	1	2	.242
Marte rf	5	1	2	4	0	2	.205
Trevino c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Arroyo 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.247
Friedl cf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.171
Totals	**35**	**11**	**11**	**11**	**7**	**10**	

Philadelphia	**020 011 001 —**	**5**	**8**	**0**
Cincinnati	**002 504 00x —**	**11**	**11**	**1**

E: Trevino (4). **LOB:** Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 7. **2B:** Rincones (3), De La Cruz (15), Marte (5), Steer (13). **3B:** Crawford (3), Arroyo (1). **HR:** Realmuto (7), off Burke; Schwarber (32), off Lowder; Stewart (18), off Rangel; Marte (6), off Rangel; De La Cruz (14), off Banks; Stewart (19), off Banks; Bleday (14), off Banks. **RBIs:** Crawford (20), Stott (41), Realmuto (28), Schwarber (58), Stewart 3 (64), Marte 4 (13), De La Cruz 2 (43), Bleday 2 (39). **SB:** Crawford (12). **SF:** Stott. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 3 (Sosa, Schwarber, Harper); Cincinnati 3 (Steer, Marte, Trevino). **RISP:** Philadelphia 1 for 6; Cincinnati 4 for 11.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rangel, L, 0-2	3.1	3	3	3	3	5	69	4.19
Banks	0.1	4	4	4	0	0	17	7.14
Lazar	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	19	3.38
Alvarado	1.0	2	4	4	3	2	35	7.03
Keller	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	14	4.02
Mayza	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	21	2.81

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burns, W, 11-1	5.0	3	3	3	6	2	106	2.54
Burke	1.0	2	1	1	1	2	26	3.12
Ferguson	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	12	2.00
Lowder	2.0	3	1	1	0	2	36	5.05

T: 3:10. **A:** 33,089 (43,891).

Angels 13, Rangers 1

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	5	3	3	0	0	2	.234
Trout dh	4	2	1	2	1	1	.234
Grissom 1b	5	2	4	4	0	0	.249
Adell rf	4	3	2	5	0	1	.251
Guzman 3b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.260
Peraza 2b	4	0	0	1	0	2	.241
Siri cf	5	0	2	1	0	2	.259
O'Hoppe c	5	0	0	0	0	1	.223
Lowe lf	3	2	1	0	1	0	.215
Totals	**40**	**13**	**15**	**13**	**2**	**9**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	2	0	0	0	1	2	.236
Higashioka ph-p	1	1	1	1	0	0	.223
Smith 2b-lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.230
Burger 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Nimmo rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.255
Foscue ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Duran 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Carter cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.183
Osuna lf-rf	2	0	1	0	2	0	.255
Díaz c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.315
Cauley ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Totals	**29**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**14**	

Los Angeles	**100 242 022 —**	**13**	**15**	**0**
Texas	**000 000 010 —**	**1**	**3**	**0**

LOB: Los Angeles 4, Texas 6. **2B:** Neto 2 (20), Grissom (11), Guzman (4). **HR:** Adell 2 (13), off Gore; Trout (18), off Ahlstrom; Higashioka (6), off Fermin. **RBIs:** Grissom 4 (34), Adell 5 (52), Trout 2 (38), Peraza (23), Siri (18), Higashioka (16). **SB:** Pederson (1), Carter (11). **SF:** Peraza. **RISP:** Los Angeles 5 for 10; Texas 0 for 4. **DP:** Texas 1 (Cauley, Foscue, Burger).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ureña	4.0	1	0	0	5	3	90	2.88
Natera, W, 1-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	5	24	3.38
Zeferjahn	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	17	3.89
Fermin	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	22	3.33
Farris	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	3.52

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gore, L, 5-8	5.0	9	7	7	1	7	90	4.72
Collyer	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	24	3.92
Peoples	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0.00
Ahlstrom	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	15	6.39
Higashioka	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	16	18.00

T: 2:48. **A:** 23,288 (40,000).

Marlins 2, Mariners 0

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.213
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Canzone dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.266
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.170
Naylor 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.251
Raley rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.230
Young 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Robles cf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.230
Emerson ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.203
Totals	**31**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**9**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Hicks dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Lopez ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.345
Edwards 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.303
Stowers 1b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.244
Caissie rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Conine rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.235
Hernández lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.238
Marsee cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.194
Mack c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Sanoja 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.278
Totals	**30**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**0**	**7**	

Seattle	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Miami	**011 000 00x —**	**2**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Seattle 7, Miami 4. **2B:** Sanoja (17), Hernández (7), Lopez (26). **3B:** Edwards (6). **HR:** Stowers (12), off Kirby. **RBIs:** Stowers (41), Edwards (36). **SB:** Naylor (16). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 3 (Emerson, Young, Naylor); Miami 1 (Stowers). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 5; Miami 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Young. **DP:** Seattle 1 (Raley, Emerson, Raley); Miami 1 (Edwards, Lopez, Stowers).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kirby, L, 7-8	6.0	8	2	2	0	7	86	3.76
Davila	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.16

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Phillips, W, 2-3	5.0	4	0	0	2	3	71	3.28
Gibson, H, 1	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	26	6.00
Petersen, H, 16	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.92
Fairbnks, S, 13-15	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	14	6.75

T: 2:16. **A:** 10,545 (37,446).

Tigers 6, Athletics 1

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Gelof 3b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.274
Kurtz 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.270
McNeil 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.228
Langeliers c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Soderstrom dh	3	1	1	0	1	0	.243
Wilson ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Butler rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.201
Kuroda-Grauer 2b	4	0	3	0	0	0	.500
Cortes lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.280
Bolte cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.279
Totals	**35**	**1**	**7**	**0**	**2**	**12**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Vierling cf-rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Dingler c	1	1	1	0	0	0	.264
Rogers ph-c	2	2	2	2	1	0	.160
McGonigle 3b-ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.287
Torkelson 1b	3	1	1	3	1	2	.215
Greene lf	3	0	2	1	1	0	.292
Lee 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Keith ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Malgeri rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Outman cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.157
Jones dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.137
Carpenter ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.228
McKinstry ss-2b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.201
Totals	**31**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**6**	**8**	

Athletics	**000 100 000 —**	**1**	**7**	**1**
Detroit	**120 030 00x —**	**6**	**7**	**1**

E: Gelof (7), McKinstry (3). **LOB:** Athletics 9, Detroit 7. **2B:** Butler (9), Soderstrom (21). **HR:** Rogers (2), off Springs; Torkelson (15), off Springs. **RBIs:** Greene (45), Rogers 2 (8), Torkelson 3 (41). **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 6 (Cortes 2, Langeliers, Gelof, Kuroda-Grauer 2); Detroit 4 (Malgeri 3, McGonigle). **RISP:** Athletics 2 for 10; Detroit 2 for 6.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Springs, L, 3-9	4.1	6	6	6	4	4	92	6.08
Sterner	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.92
Barnett	1.0	0	0	0	2	0	26	3.54
Suarez	2.0	1	0	0	0	4	23	4.56

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Melton, W, 5-1	5.1	4	1	0	1	9	91	1.82
Montero	1.2	2	0	0	1	1	32	3.15
Holton	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	3.29
Brieske	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	9.00

T: 2:45. **A:** 29,049 (41,083).

Twins 6, Guardians 5

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Fry lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.205
Kwan ph-lf	1	1	1	0	1	0	.221
DeLauter rf	4	1	2	1	1	1	.279
Rocchio ss	4	1	1	3	0	0	.272
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.181
Bazzana 2b	3	0	1	0	2	2	.246
Arias 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Schneemann ph-3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Manzardo dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Hedges c	4	0	2	0	0	1	.288
Watson cf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.222
Totals	**35**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**6**	**13**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Martin ph-lf	0	0	0	0	2	0	.248
Lee 3b	4	1	2	1	1	0	.252
Clemens 2b	4	1	3	1	1	0	.255
Bell dh	5	1	1	0	0	1	.250
Lewis 1b	4	1	0	1	1	0	.210
Caratini c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.239
Fedko pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Jackson c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.314
Keaschall cf	2	1	1	1	2	1	.257
Roden rf	5	0	2	2	0	1	.400
Kreidler ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.250
Totals	**35**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**8**	**7**	

Cleveland	**000 300 200 —**	**5**	**8**	**0**
Minnesota	**000 300 201 —**	**6**	**11**	**1**

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Rogers (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 10, Minnesota 12. **2B:** Clemens (18), Keaschall (14). **HR:** Rocchio (7), off Prielipp; Hoskins (9), off Prielipp. **RBIs:** Rocchio 3 (40), Hoskins (31), DeLauter (42), Lewis (26), Keaschall (27), Roden 2 (2), Lee (50), Clemens (45). **SB:** Watson (7). **SF:** Keaschall. **S:** Rocchio. **RISP:** Cleveland 2 for 7; Minnesota 3 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Arias, Manzardo.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cecconi	3.2	6	3	3	1	4	67	4.55
Holderman	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	8	1.87
Herrin	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.06
Armstrong	0.2	0	2	2	2	0	18	4.76
Sabrowski, BS, 0-1	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	14	3.33
Gaddis	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	18	2.93
Smith	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	23	2.83
Festa, L, 2-2	0.2	3	1	1	1	1	31	3.99

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Prielipp	5.0	4	3	3	2	6	83	5.00
Adams	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	20	6.46
Orze	0.1	0	2	2	2	1	16	5.66
Rogers	0.2	2	0	0	0	2	15	5.61
Funderburk	1.0	2	0	0	0	3	20	4.24
Gómez, W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	19	3.59

T: 3:16. **A:** 14,901 (38,544).

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Liberty	13	9	.591	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	½
Indiana	12	9	.571	½
Washington	10	10	.500	2
Toronto	9	12	.429	3½
Chicago	7	14	.333	5½
Connecticut	5	17	.227	8

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	16	6	.727	—
Las Vegas	15	6	.714	½
Golden State	16	7	.696	½
Dallas	14	8	.636	2
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	6
Portland	9	12	.429	6½
Phoenix	8	14	.364	8
Seattle	6	17	.261	10½

Wednesday
Golden State 83, Toronto 75
Minnesota 86, Connecticut 80
Los Angeles 106, Indiana 92

Thursday
Seattle at Atlanta, 8pm
Indiana at Phoenix, 10pm
Las Vegas at Portland, 10pm

Friday
Dallas at Toronto, 7:30pm
Golden State at Connecticut, 7:30pm
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10pm

Saturday
Liberty at Minnesota, 1pm
Portland at Atlanta, 4pm
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 6pm

New physique already paying Dëmin dividends

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Whatever happens for the Nets in summer league, good or bad, likely none of it will matter more than this:

Egor Dëmin is going to the rim. Hard.

It is without a doubt the most consequential development out of the summer.

"Yeah, absolutely," Mikel Brown Jr. told The Post of Dëmin's growth. "You see the growth from him being more aggressive, playing more physical. He got adapted to that style of the ball.

"The NBA is very physical; you're playing against grown men. So you've got to be able to adapt. And you can see it. He's way more physical. He's more adamant about getting into his spots. No matter how tough and how physical the defender is, he's going to get to his spots regardless. So you can see the growth from that."

That growth is not in terms of Dëmin's physique, but his game.

The young Russian has added 13 to 15 pounds of muscle and a newfound aggressiveness. Dëmin didn't just recognize a weakness but acknowledged it from the start and vowed to shore it up.

"There was definitely one of the biggest points of emphasis," Dëmin told The Post. "The first time I met with the Nets last year in the predraft, I said I'm not going to sit here and tell you what I'm good at. I'm going to make sure you know that I'm aware of my weaknesses. So sometimes it's a big advantage for the players to know what their weaknesses are over what is their strength.

"So, it's been an advantage for me for the past summer and this summer as well, just knowing what to work on, what I really want to improve. ... But obviously the goal is to get higher and higher on that, and master the game."

It's one thing to add size, and another to know how to use it. After doing the former, Dëmin is progressing on the latter.

In his first two California Classic tilts, Dëmin looked good operating out of the short roll and as a screener. He attacked mismatches and got downhill.

After being just 1-for-4 from 2-point range in three summer league tilts last year, Dëmin's auspicious 11-for-12 bodes well moving forward.

Ex-Mets pitching coach Regan passes away at 89

By DYLAN SVOBODA

Longtime MLB pitcher and pitching coach Phil Regan died Wednesday, his attorney, Matt Blit, told ESPN's Jeff Passan.

He was 89.

Regan spent 13 seasons in the big leagues with the Tigers, Dodgers, Cubs and White Sox, debuting in 1960 and retiring after the 1972 season before moving into a lengthy coaching career.

He made his first and only All-Star team in 1966 with the Dodgers, when he became a force out of the bullpen for Los Angeles, logging 21 saves while going 14-1 with a 1.62 ERA across 65 appearances.

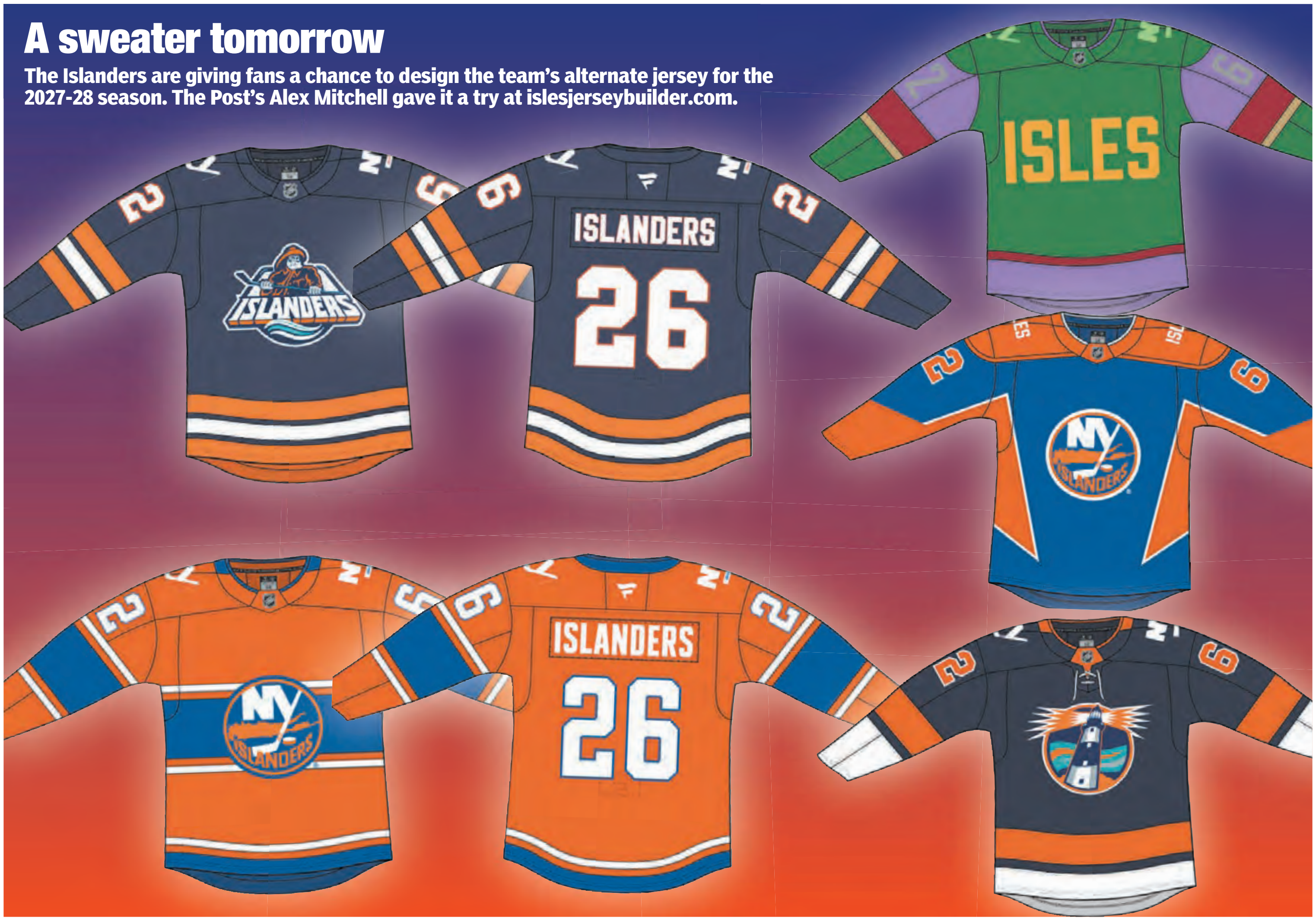
After his playing days, Regan managed the Orioles for one season in 1995 and served as a pitching coach for several organizations, including the Mariners, Cubs, Indians and Mets.

Regan's final major league coaching stop came with the Mets in 2019, when he was named interim pitching coach at 82 after the franchise fired Dave Eiland.

Before taking over the big league staff, Regan worked in the Mets minor league system, including as an assistant minor league pitching coordinator and as pitching coach for Single-A St. Lucie from 2009-15.

A sweater tomorrow

The Islanders are giving fans a chance to design the team's alternate jersey for the 2027-28 season. The Post's Alex Mitchell gave it a try at islesjerseybuilder.com.



DESIGN OF THE TIMES

Isles open contest for fans to create next alternate jerseys

By ALEX MITCHELL

Try this on for size.

The Islanders are letting fans design the team's alternate jersey for the 2027-28 season, down to the tiniest details like shoulder patches and trim — and the winner gets to be there in person to see their product debut on the ice.

"In the end, you're going to end up with a jersey that the fans like, and the players like — and hopefully that's the one that you want to win a Cup in," Isles president of business operations Kelly Cheeseman told The Post.

The team launched an online portal, islesjerseybuilder.com, where diehards can begin with a jersey-style layout in familiar formats like the 1990s-revived fisherman wave and classic NYI style.

It also introduces fresh takes on former looks, like repurposing the font format from the team's fan-panned black, gray and orange jerseys circa 2011.

There were more than 11,000 entries in the first four hours of going live Wednesday, well ahead of the July 24 deadline.

Cheeseman said fans have been rabid with "conspiracy theories" about the Islanders' jersey future and past — like the team's sweaters that featured only an "NY" without the backdrop of Long Island — well before the contest launched.

"You see a lot of debate about an all-orange jersey, and whether that should be back," added Cheeseman of the popular mid-2000s alternate.

"I just love all that chatter. It just brings the passion of the fan base forward. When there's that irrational talk about anything in sports, that's what real fan bases dream about."

Unusual hues of gold, red, green and purple are up for grabs, in addition to the Islanders' usual blue-and-orange palette and its variations.

Cheeseman, who had similar success with the fan concept in 2013 with the MLS' LA Galaxy, doubled down on the point that team staff and the athletes will have a final say as a fail-safe against any popular but outlandish submissions that receive high votes.

"I think really getting the players involved, so that they're picking what they want to wear, that's to me always the most important part of the jersey uniform process," he said.

"When they're putting it on, they've got to feel like, 'All right, I want to win a game' and not to feel all goofy."

That's not to say creativity isn't encouraged, according to Cheeseman, who called the contest "kind of a tease" to the team's hometown remix jerseys for this upcoming season.

"There's even areas where fans can add notes at the end of their jersey. If you weren't able to completely capture your concept and idea, tell us what notes you have," he said.

"It's the jersey of the people — and the team of the people."

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FIFA head gets ethics complaint

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

GENEVA — FIFA's president Gianni Infantino is being referred to Olympic ethics investigators for a possible breach of political neutrality, a human rights group said Wednesday, after U.S. President Donald Trump helped block a World Cup player's ban.

Trump took credit Monday for FIFA's decision — unprecedented in modern World Cup history — to let United States forward Folarin Balogun play Monday against Belgium despite getting a red card in the team's previous game. A Belgium team clearly fired up by the furor won 4-1 in Seattle.

The IOC cites neutrality among "fundamental principles of Olympism" for sports bodies like FIFA, and has jurisdiction over Infantino since he joined its exclusive group of 100-plus invited members in 2020.

"FairSquare will file a complaint to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) regarding FIFA President Gianni Infantino's repeated breach of political neutrality rules," the London-based sports and human rights NGO said in a statement Wednesday.

The pledge to file a formal complaint to the IOC Ethics Commission came one day after the Olympic body's president Kirsty Coventry told reporters none had yet been received.

"Obviously if they do they would look into it," Coventry said Tuesday in an online news conference when asked about the Balogun controversy fueled by the Trump administration lobbying FIFA and Infantino.

"Yes, we have been obviously watching everything play out," the IOC president had said earlier when asked about interference in field-of-play issues by the World Cup co-host nation, which also will stage the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

FIFA was asked for comment about the complaint to the IOC about its president.

Infantino famously created the FIFA Peace Prize given to Trump at the World Cup tournament draw in D.C. last December. Senior soccer officials said privately creating the peace award was an executive decision by Infantino. *— AP*

Give it a rest

Offseason time off has Libs' Jones reaping rewards as WNBA All-Star

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Jonquel Jones may have found a recipe for success.

Rest.

For the first time in years, she didn't go overseas to play during the offseason. Instead, the Liberty's standout center took a break following October ankle surgery.

"Obviously, a different type of offseason for me with having surgery and having to bounce back from that," she said. "It was uncharted territory, something I've never had to deal with before."

It's hard to complain about the results. Jones was selected to her sixth All-Star Game, and second as a member of the Liberty. After an injury-marred 2025, she has found her game, averaging the third-most points of her career (15.2), along with 9.1 rebounds and 2.7 assists. She has appeared in 21 of 22 games for the Liberty, and her minutes (29.5) have gone up, along with her production.

"It means a lot to me," the 32-year-old Jones said, referring to the All-Star Game selection. "It feels good to be playing at an All-Star level. So thank you to everybody that voted for me, took the time to do that, but yeah, it feels good. It feels good to be able to go out there and represent the Liberty."

The Liberty have used Jones differently under new coach Chris DeMarco, putting the ball in her hands more. Her usage in the pick-and-roll has gone up. She is attempting a career-high 4.7 3-pointers per game, and making 41.2 percent of them, while also going to the line with more frequency (4.0 attempts, compared to 2.9 a year ago). She's been better around the basket, shooting 62.5 percent from 5 feet and in, up from 59.5 percent a season ago.

"We're so happy for her. She deserves it. She deserves every bit of it," teammate Sabrina Ionescu said. "I don't think a doubt crossed any of our minds about whether she was going to be or not. She's so respected in this league. She showed up to play the entirety of the season, [in] a new system, trying to figure it out the way we're playing [with] her. She's just so dominant and we're able to see it night in and night out, so we're all really happy for her and really happy for [Breanna Stewart] as well. They're gonna go and represent the Liberty really well."

The hope is that the two teammates wind up on the same team. The honorary general managers for the showcase are Cynthia Cooper and Liberty great Theresa Weatherspoon. They pick the players for the two sides.

"Who's drafting us?" Stewart joked.

When told Weatherspoon was involved, Stewart replied: "Oh, 'Spoon,' come on now, we good."

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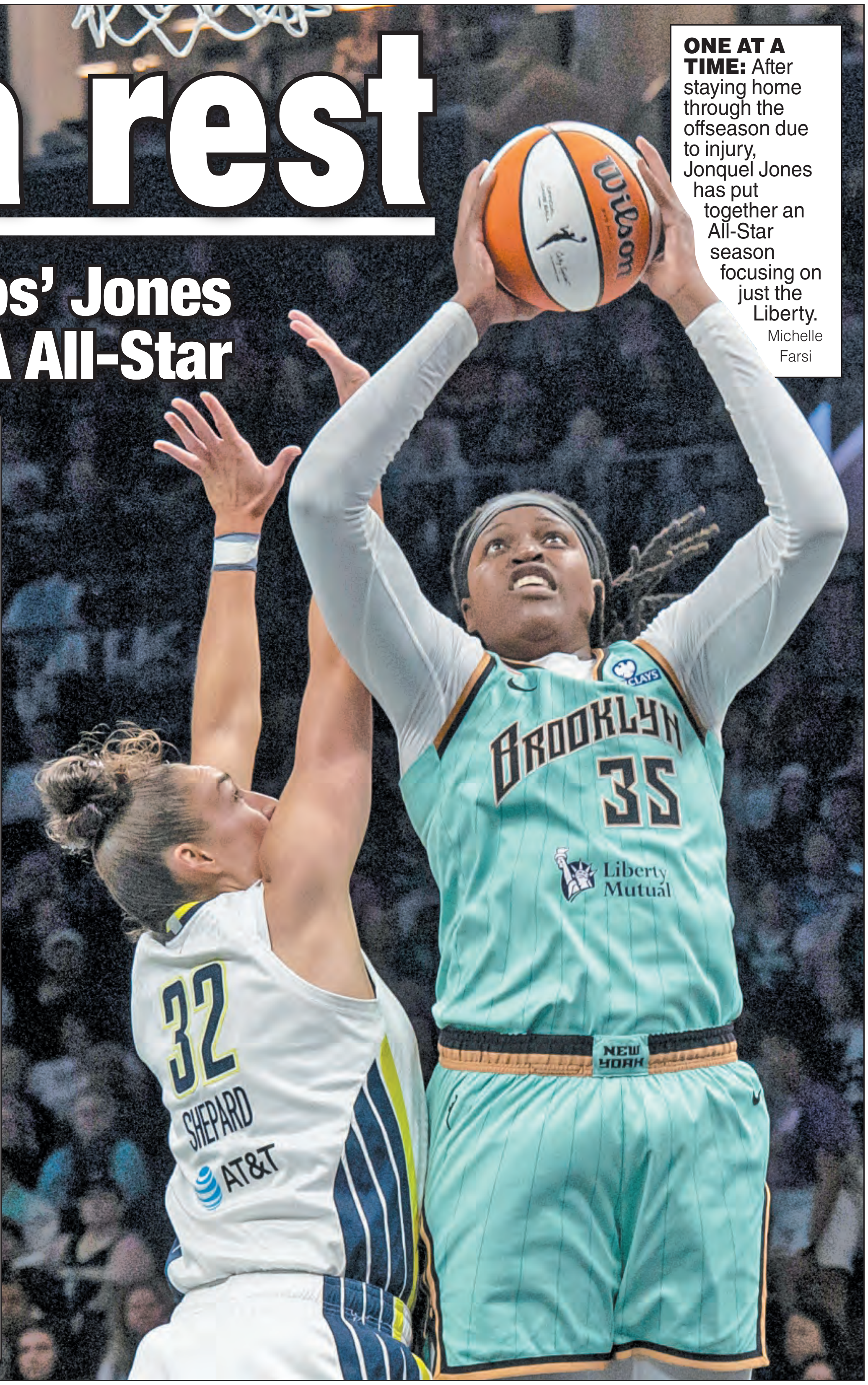

ONE AT A TIME: After staying home through the offseason due to injury, Jonquel Jones has put together an All-Star season focusing on just the Liberty.
Michelle Farsi

Mbappé 'OK' after feud with Paraguayan politician

By ETHAN SEARS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — France coach Didier Deschamps said that superstar Kylian Mbappé is doing well after a Paraguayan senator made racist remarks toward him following Les Bleus' Round of 16 win over Paraguay.

"Kylian is OK," Deschamps said. "Whatever happened, I don't want to look back and think about it. He's a very strong guy mentally and physically. He's focused on tomorrow's game. Kylian is feeling OK, just like the rest of the group."

Mbappé, 27, called politician Celeste Amarilla of Paraguay's Liberal Radical Party a "despicable woman and unworthy of your position," in a post on X earlier this week.

"Through your recklessness and your brazen racism, the entire world has already forgotten the journey and the historic effort that your players accomplished during this World Cup," Mbappé wrote, "making way for an incompetent woman who gives the worst possible image of her country. I will never allow people like her to spread their hatred and racism across the world."

Amarilla responded to Mbappé with an open letter that threatened to take legal action for gender-based violence if he did not apologize; meanwhile, Paris prosecutors opened an investigation into her over potential aggravated public assault and incitement to hatred or violence.

The Paraguayan government said in a statement earlier this week that it "deplores and rejects" Amarilla's comments. The French Football Federation released a statement calling her words "criminal and reprehensible," leading in part to the criminal probe.

WORLD CUP NOTES

➤ France's attempted appeal of **Michael Olise**'s yellow card — which came after **Folarin Balogun**'s red card suspension was controversially suspended — was unsuccessful, Deschamps said.

➤ England's **Jordan Henderson** posted on Instagram saying he had undergone surgery in Kansas City to deal with a broken arm.

Handful of Jets who could be primed for breakout seasons

Brian Costello

THE JETS will be on the practice field in three weeks with what they feel is an improved roster and high hopes to improve in Aaron Glenn's second year as head coach.

A major part of the roster overhaul overseen by Glenn and general manager Darren Mougey has been bringing in veterans to provide more leadership and give the team players with a track record. Players like Demario Davis, Geno Smith and Minkah Fitzpatrick will have major roles for the 2026 Jets, and the team may go as they go, especially Smith.

But they also will need some of their younger players to take a leap this year if they are going to make a jump in the standings and be in contention in December.

Here are five players who are potential breakout players entering 2026. These are all younger players who have shown potential but appear ready to reach the next level.

Jowon Briggs, DT

When the Jets traded for Briggs last August, it was not treated like a big move, but he played well for the Jets and became a key piece on the defensive line. Now, the question is whether there is an even bigger role for him this season. Briggs is still a young player — he turns 25 just before the start of the season. He had four sacks and a forced fumble a year ago, and it feels like there is another level for him to hit and maybe new defensive line coach Karl Dunbar can bring it out of him.

Armand Membou, OT

Membou is coming off a strong rookie season, and now it's time to see if he can make the jump to Pro Bowl/All-Pro tackle. The skill level is there, and he is just 22 years old. The Jets need him and left tackle Olu Fashanu to continue improving if their offense is going to go from one of the worst in the NFL to at least average. Smith was sacked a league-high 55 times with the Raiders last year, and that contributed to his down year. The Jets need to keep Smith upright, and Membou is a huge part of that.

Adonai Mitchell, WR

It feels like the Jets have been searching for a running mate for Garrett Wilson since just after they drafted him. Mitchell could be the guy to be a complement to Wilson on the other side of the offense. His talent was obvious after he arrived in the middle of the season in the Sauce Gardner trade with Indianapolis.

Mitchell has blazing speed and can create separation. Still, something has been missing in his short career because the production has not matched the potential, and that is why Indianapolis gave up on him. Can Mitchell thrive with Frank Reich calling the plays and Smith at quarterback? That is certainly better than what he played with last year with the Jets. Mitchell is 23 years old and two years removed from being a second-round pick. The tools are there. Now, we need to see if the Jets can bring more out of him.

T'Vondre Sweat, NT

Sweat is listed at 366 pounds, and that feels generous. He is a massive human being who stands out on a football field full of large individuals. He was acquired from the Titans in the trade that sent Jermaine Johnson to Tennessee. You can see why the Jets wanted him. He moves well for a man his size, and that was evident in the spring practices even without pads on. The Jets hope Sweat can be a force in the middle of Glenn's defense. Sweat should instantly improve their run defense, and anything he does against the pass will be a bonus.

Mason Taylor, TE

One of my favorite crazy stats from the team's 2025 season is that Taylor caught one touchdown pass ... and Breece Hall threw it. That tells you a lot about the offense last year. It was tough to evaluate Taylor's rookie season because the quarterback play was putrid. The Jets took Kenyon Sadiq in the first round of this year's draft, creating an interesting dynamic at tight end, but I think there is room for both in the offense. Reich will need to be creative with his personnel packages to utilize both effectively. The Jets could have a nice tight end duo if Taylor blossoms and Sadiq finds success as a rookie.

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Adonai Mitchell
Armand Membou
Mason Taylor
T'Vondre Sweat
Jowon Briggs

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HIT IT OFF: New Giants QB coach Brian Callahan (below right) wants QB Jaxson Dart (6) to avoid unnecessary collisions when running with the ball. Too often last season, Dart took hard hits and ended up in the medical tent (top right) getting evaluated for a possible concussion.

EYEING CONTACT

QB coach wants Dart to play smarter to avoid more dangerous hits

Getty Images (3)

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

Brian Callahan, the new Giants quarterbacks coach, supplied a one-word response to the statement that Jaxson Dart "ran a lot" last season.

Callahan nodded in agreement then said, "Well."

Yes, Dart ran well as a rookie, averaging 5.7 yards on 86 attempts — some scripted, most not. He rushed for nine touchdowns, tied with Trevor Lawrence and behind only Josh Allen's 14 for the most runs into the end zone by a quarterback in 2025.

Coaches are not in the habit of stripping away from a player something he does well.

"Guys that can use their feet in the league are weapons," Callahan said during Giants minicamp in the spring. "His running ability is something that makes him unique, makes him hard to prepare for, makes him hard to defend. That's always going to be a part of his game."

This means Callahan, also the Giants passing game coordinator, is not going to tie Dart's shoelaces together to ensure he stays within the protective confines of the pocket. Getting Dart on the move makes sense because his legs are an asset to an offense. Keeping those legs and the rest of his body in one piece by avoiding unneeded punishment is the next challenge for Dart to meet and master.

Callahan has worked with some of the great and near-great quarterbacks in recent NFL cycles, and he posited an interesting theory as to why he believes he is inheriting a more grounded player in the 23-year-old Dart than the version head coach Brian Daboll and then interim Mike Kafka ushered into the league.

Much of the reckless audacity Dart demonstrated as a rookie does not have to be repeated in Year 2 because he already validated his fortitude and physical resolve en route to taking too many hits.

"I think what was really great for him last year, from a toughness perspective is he proved to all of his teammates and people in this league he's a really tough player, and that there's a time and a place," Callahan said. "He's already proved that, so we can kind of move on from that, I think."

Moving on means Dart coming to an understanding that sliding short of a first down, taking a sack or running out of bounds is not a sign of his surrender or an indictment of not having enough moxie.

There was a stretch of 10 games, starting in the preseason, when Dart was sent five times into the blue tent during the action to be checked for a possible concussion. In the Nov. 9 loss in Chicago, Dart faked a pitch-out to running back Tyrone Tracy Jr. and took off on a scramble straight up the middle. He was struck by Bears defensive back C.J. Gardner-Johnson, then defensive lineman Austin Booker, causing Dart's neck to bend backward as his head slammed to the ground and he lost the ball on a fumble. That caused a concussion that forced Dart to miss the next two games.

Dart's return came Dec. 1 against the Patriots, and he absorbed an avoidable hit when in the first quarter he took off on second-and-13 and raced along the sideline, but rather than run out of bounds he was blasted by linebacker Christian Elliss on a wicked but legal hit. After that one-sided loss, Dart sounded defiant when he said, "We're not playing soccer out here. You're going to get hit. Things happen."

The next game, he took 15 hits on run and pass plays in a loss to the Commanders and twice was forced off the field in the fourth quarter to be checked for a concussion.

In one of their first meetings together, Callahan and Dart went over every play from last season and assessed the risk-reward aspect of the hits Dart took.

"Just having the experience last year of sitting out two games, I hadn't done that in my career," Dart said this past spring. "I just hated that time of not being out there with my teammates. So obviously I understand the most important thing is to be out there. So, you just grow and learn from things. And I think I'm going to do a good job at it this year for sure."

There was no contact permitted on the quarterback in the spring work, so it is too soon to tell if Dart is indeed a wiser player this time around.

"He's done a really good job of taking that coaching," Callahan said. "He's incredibly coachable, he's very open minded, and I think he understands that for us to be the team we want to be we need him on the field."

Callahan, 42, worked with Peyton Manning, Matthew Stafford, Derek Carr and Joe Burrow to ascend as a hot commodity, but he fizzled as the Titans head coach (4-19) largely because he did not find a serviceable quarterback. He needs Dart to take a big step forward, and to do that he needs Dart on the field.

Dart says his competitiveness is not going to change, but he wants to make "mature decisions." Callahan says he and Dart "don't always have to agree on every situation" as they both hope to leave behind all those trips into the blue tent.

"The best thing is those are all now in the past," Callahan said, "and it's more about what he does moving forward at this point."

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FACE REALITY

It just might be time for Pulisic to pass frontman duties to Balogun

Christian Pulisic

Michael Duarte

FOR NEARLY a decade, Christian Pulisic has carried a title few American soccer players have ever worn. Captain America.

The face of the United States men's national team. The player you see splashed across television commercials for Michelob Ultra, Wells Fargo, Gatorade, Volkswagen, McDonald's, Chipotle and Puma. The star player who is expected to deliver when the lights are the brightest.

That burden comes with enormous financial rewards. It also comes with enormous responsibility.

Following Team USA's stunning 4-1 loss to Belgium in the Round of 16 at the World Cup, no American player has found himself under a harsher spotlight than Pulisic.

Some of the criticism is self-inflicted. Some is warranted. Some has crossed the line into personal attacks. But much of it stems from one unavoidable reality: America's biggest star simply did not produce on the world's biggest stage.

Across five matches, Pulisic scored zero goals, had one assist and attempted just three shots. Injuries repeatedly interrupted his tournament. He dazzled during the opening half against Paraguay before a calf injury forced him off. Frankly, he never looked the same again. He missed the Australia match, came off the bench late against Turkey, was solid against Bosnia-Herzegovina, then endured one of the poorest performances of his international career against Belgium, committing 11 first-half turnovers before leaving the game in the 59th minute with an ankle injury.

When asked about the injury immediately after the loss, Pulisic explained he had twisted his ankle before adding, "Now I get time to rest."

The comment was about recovering from the injury, but the timing of it, especially in the emotional aftermath of such a horrific loss, rubbed fans the wrong way. Former players, including Carli Lloyd, Sydney Leroux, Landon Donovan and Tim Howard, criticized the remark, while social media erupted with accusations that America's captain lacked urgency or accountability.

Pulisic's Instagram post Wednesday also felt tone-deaf.

"Tough to find the words," Pulisic wrote while thanking supporters and calling the tournament "just the start for us."

There was no apology. No declaration that the performance fell below his own standards. No promise to work tirelessly and come back stronger. For many supporters, it simply wasn't enough.

His comments were aligned with what he shared with The Post after the match.

He admitted he was disappointed that he "didn't quite have the moments" he envisioned. He acknowledged Belgium executed a better game plan. He spoke candidly about the frustration of suffering two injuries during the tournament and repeatedly emphasized that he wants to help the United States "get over that hump" against the world's elite. Most importantly, he made one thing crystal clear.

"I'll be back with the national team, no doubt."

None of those things should be overlooked, but the larger question now facing U.S. Soccer is whether Pulisic should remain the face of the program moving toward 2030.

Pulisic remains the U.S.'s most gifted one-on-one attacker. No American consistently creates advantages the way he can. He also hasn't always had ideal circumstances with the national team. At AC Milan, some of his best goal contributions have come alongside elite attacking talent such as Rafael Leão and accomplished strikers like Olivier Giroud and Álvaro Morata. The U.S. has rarely surrounded him with that level of firepower.

But leadership isn't measured only by talent.

This World Cup introduced another player capable of carrying American soccer into its next chapter:

Folarin Balogun.

His goals grabbed all the headlines, but his maturity and accountability may have been even more impressive.

When controversy surrounded his red card and FIFA's shocking decision to lift the suspension before the Belgium match, Balogun reminded everyone that young fans were watching and stressed the importance of responding with composure, even when life feels unfair.

And after the loss to Belgium, he apologized and took accountability:

"I want to say sorry to our fans. It was not good enough when it mattered most and we let you down."

Those words resonated with fans more than "now I have time to rest" ever will.

Balogun was also seen congratulating Belgian players and coach Rudi Garcia after the final whistle despite their public criticism directed his way.

That combination of production, accountability and emotional maturity feels like the blueprint for the next era of American soccer.

Just as Steve Rogers eventually handed Captain America's shield to Sam Wilson, maybe this World Cup marked the beginning of a similar passing of the torch.

Christian Pulisic doesn't need to disappear completely. The United States still needs his creativity, experience and ability to unlock defenses.

But being the face of a national team means carrying victories and defeats with equal weight.

The next World Cup cycle feels less like the end of Pulisic's story than the beginning of Balogun's.

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USMNT effort 'simply wasn't good enough'

Christian Pulisic called the World Cup run a moment that "will last a lifetime," but in the end, the U.S. national team's effort "simply wasn't good enough."

The American soccer star addressed the team's effort in a post on Instagram on Wednesday afternoon, two days after the United States was eliminated from the World Cup in an ugly 4-1 loss to Belgium. Pulisic, in particular, had a night to forget as he turned over possession of the ball 11 times in 45 minutes and left the match early due to an ankle injury.

"Tough to find the words. I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who believed," Pulisic wrote. "The support carried us all the way through. It simply wasn't good enough from us in the end and I wanted to deliver so much more. I still feel blessed to be a part of this team. The memories this summer will last a lifetime. It's just the start for us and for this sport in America."

— Christian Arnold

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Folarin Balogiun

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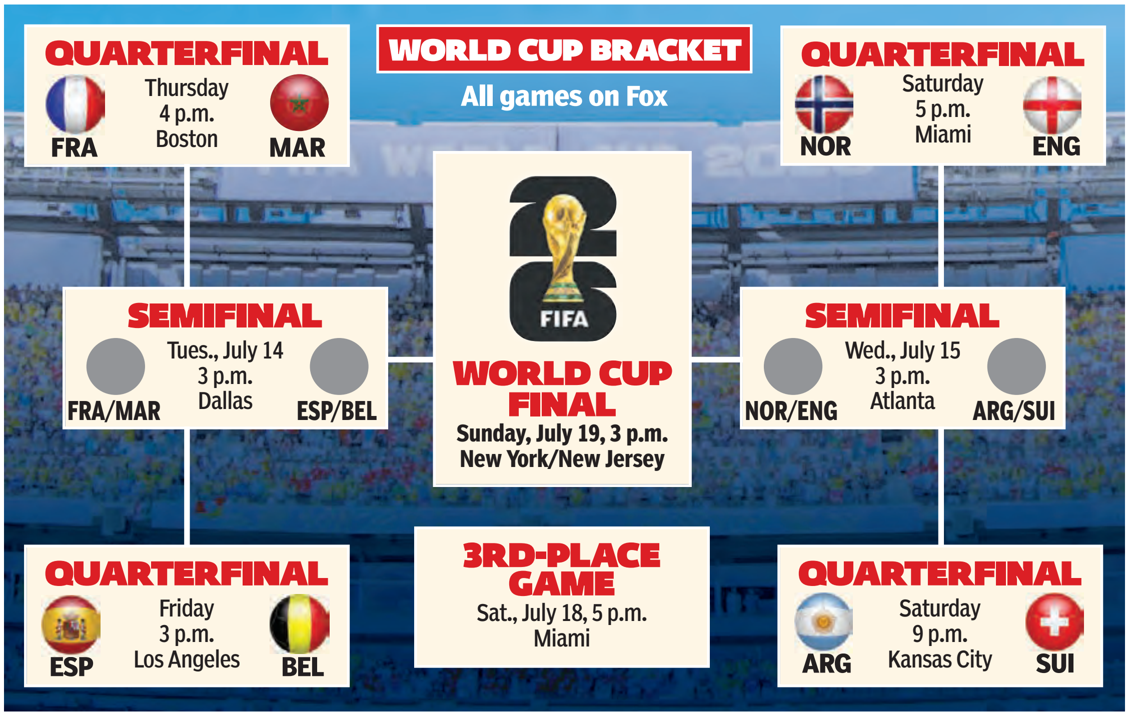

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France faves, but so much talent remains in final eight

Ethan Sears

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — As this World Cup for the ages reaches its stretch run, France and Argentina seem to be on a collision course for a first-ever World Cup final rematch four years after their 2022 epic.

And yet, in a tournament that has thrown up so much drama, albeit with few true shocks, there are too many roadblocks in the way of both to treat that as anything like a foregone conclusion.

"You're not in the World Cup quarterfinals just like that," France coach Didier Deschamps said Wednesday. "The quality inevitably increases. The higher you climb the mountain, the opponent is better too."

This was one day out from the first of four delectable quarterfinals in which Deschamps' star-studded group will face Morocco, the last African team remaining in the draw and a 2022 semifinalist.

Imperious and inevitable as France has looked throughout the tournament, as an attack featuring an embarrassment of riches in Kylian Mbappé, Michael Olise, Bradley Barcola and Ousmane Dembélé — with Désiré Doué and Rayan Cherki coming off the bench — has ripped through defenses, Thursday afternoon outside of Boston will represent a test unlike anything Les Bleus has faced in this World Cup.

The Atlas Lions are not here to celebrate a quarterfinal appearance the way Paraguay, which never looked a genuine threat despite keeping the score at 1-0 against France, could celebrate a Round of 16. The group led by Achraf Hakimi can take African football someplace it has never been. Those are not empty words said by dint of their being here, but a reflection of the quality of a team that has lost all of four games — counting this year's Africa Cup of Nations final that was awarded to Morocco in a courtroom after it lost on the field — since the 2022 World Cup.

"I don't like this feeling when we can say [we have done everything] up until now and the rest is bonus," Morocco coach Mohamed Ouahbi said. "The only bonus is winning the World Cup."

Morocco also has something France doesn't, having already survived a match with their backs against the wall in this World Cup, with Issa Diop's 91st-minute goal and Ismael Saibari's winning penalty taking them past the Netherlands in the Round of 32.

Argentina has the same, though it is a matter of interpretation whether their pair of great escapes against inferior-on-paper opposition — Cape Verde in the Round of 32, Egypt in the Round of 16 on Tuesday — represents foreboding or some kind of Messi-anic destiny. The way Lionel Messi has turned back the clock during this tournament, looking every bit the greatest player on the planet despite being 39 years old, it's hard not to feel the latter, even if logic says it's the former.

La Albiceleste's quarterfinal match, against Switzerland on Saturday in Kansas City, can only provide a negative answer given that it is, again, lopsided on paper. Indeed, Gianni Infantino could hardly have drawn up an easier path for a team that the FIFA president is all but openly rooting for.

England, so galvanized after digging deep for an emotional victory over Mexico at the Azteca, could stand in Argentina's way in what would be a semifinal for the ages should it come to pass. So too could Norway and Erling Haaland, who may well row their way past the Three Lions just like they did Brazil.

Spain, which in typical fashion has mowed through teams while rarely looking dominant on the scoreboard itself, will be favored to dispatch Belgium in Los Angeles on Friday, potentially setting up a Lamine Yamal-Mbappé semifinal. After the way the Belgians creamed the U.S., though, let's not count them out.

It's worth noting that France, despite being a perennial favorite since Mbappé's emergence and subsequent dominance in winning the 2018 championship, has not reached the mountaintop since, to steal Deschamps' analogy. It hasn't even reached a European final.

Inevitable as they may seem, there is no such thing.

"We can only go further," Deschamps said of his team's level.

It's easy to forget how right he is.

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Already ‘electric’ on offense, rookie Brown impressing on glass, defense

DOING IT ALL

VERY HIGH CEILING: Mikel Brown Jr., the No. 6 overall pick of this year’s NBA draft, is impressing, with Nets summer league coach Dutch Gaitley saying “he makes the spectacular look easy.”

Getty Images

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Mikel Brown Jr.’s pro debut showed he can make extraordinary plays. Now the Nets have to help him make the ordinary ones over and over.

Because once he does — once Brown gets big and strong enough for his body to catch up to his brain defensively — the Nets may finally have their building block.

“He’s an electric offensive player. His ability to make plays at the rim, in the midrange, from 3 is really impressive,” Nets summer league coach Dutch Gaitley told The Post. “The things that impressed me [were] his ability to rebound. For a guard to come back [from the perimeter] with that athleticism is really impressive. He was active defensively; he had deflections, he forced some turnovers.”

Brown’s summer league debut Monday was his first action since back woes ended his freshman season at Louisville in February. He showed elite passing and a sharp handle; now he and Egor Dëmin must figure out how to leverage their versatility as a weapon.

“The energy he came into the gym with and the goals he has for the team, not just for himself, that was very impressive ... I really like to play with him. We can be very good together,” Dëmin told The Post.

“Now as the defense says, ‘Hey we can’t let this guy get in the paint: We’re going to blitz him or switch him’ — can he back the ball out and just make the simple one and let his teammate [score]?” Gaitley asked rhetorically. “[But] he makes the spectacular look easy. And that’s what he was able to do.”

For Brown to be as good as he can, the wiry rookie is going to have to add muscle and physicality.

“The thing we’re challenging him now is figuring out his spots in the flow of the offense. Him and Egor together, how can we get both of them going at the same time,” Gaitley said. “And defensively is increasing his physicality. The first part is hitting bigs when they’re rolling, boxing them out. He’s smart, so some of the stuff he’s doing defensively I told him was Level 4, Level 5. We’re still on 1.5 in summer league.

“He’s smart enough that he knows what the next iteration we may not get to until October; but he knows it already. How can we do the little things and the simple stuff perfect before we build on [it]? And the last part is just getting into the ball, more physicality, pick-and-roll, which defensively isn’t what he’s not known for right now, but it’s something that’s going to surprise a lot of people.”

It’s tough love and hard coaching that Brown welcomes.

“That dialogue is needed, because at the end of the day, I want to be a better player. And they want me to be a better player,” Brown told The Post. “So, to be able to take that accountability and take that feedback and apply it, it’s definitely what I’m going to do. Just being more physical, more consistently, is the biggest thing.”

Picked sixth, Brown went one spot ahead of high-scoring Darius Acuff Jr., his rival going back to their high school days.

That sparked endless discourse online and from talking heads. It’s bloviation that Brown ignored.

“People are going to say what they want to,” Brown said. “Me and [Acuff] already talked about this is the dream of ours. We were trying to predict where we were going to go and we called it. We both got it right. So me and him have that friendship, but we’re also very competitive. Once we’re on the floor, it’s a battle every time. But I don’t pay attention to that stuff. What’s meant to be is meant to be.

“We’re right where we need to be. I can’t wait to go against him for the rest of my life.”

After missing their summer league opener against Acuff’s Kings, Brown’s next chance to go against him will be Tuesday in Las Vegas.

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Boone regrets his, Ausmus’ ejections

By GREG JOYCE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — After a strike-’em-out, throw-’em-out double play, the Yankees’ dugout was hit with a throw-’em-out, throw-’em-out from home plate umpire Doug Eddings.

YANKEES NOTES

Bench coach Brad Ausmus got the hook first, after the Yankees tried to challenge whether José Caballero was safe at second base in the top of the sixth but were too late, and then Aaron Boone — not knowing who had been tossed from the dugout — went out to argue with Eddings and earned an ejection himself, which he later regretted.

“I should’ve kept myself in the game there,” Boone said after a 3-0 loss to the Rays on Wednesday night at Tropicana Field. “That’s not a good time to go out there and get personal with it, just based on some things with this [umpiring] crew. I got to do a better job in that spot of staying in the game.”

Boone had been frustrated earlier in the series when home plate umpire Emil Jimenez did not allow Jasson Domínguez to challenge a pitch Monday because he thought he was influenced by the Yankees dugout — a repeat of the same scenario last month at Yankee Stadium with Jimenez behind the plate.

Then Wednesday, after Caballero was thrown out trying to steal second, Boone held up his hand from the dugout as Ausmus got on the phone awaiting word on whether the Yankees should challenge. But by the time Ausmus signaled to Boone and Boone signaled to Eddings that they wanted a review, they appeared to have run out of time.

Ausmus began arguing from the dugout and quickly got tossed for the first time this season before Boone went out and argued more, leading to his third ejection of the year.

“Once it’s Brad being thrown out, I got to stay in the game absolutely,” Boone said.

➤ The Yankees will throw a bullpen game Thursday instead of bringing up a spot starter like **Elmer Rodríguez**. Lefty **Ryan Yarbrough** will likely be counted on for a bulk of the innings.

BY GEORGE, BRETT! After struggling through a June in which he hit .147, Brett Baty celebrates his two-run single that extended the Mets' lead to 4-1 during the eighth inning Wednesday against the Royals. Robert Sabo

Baty extends hit streak with clutch RBI single

By COLLIN WARD

Brett Baty's resurgence continued in a win over the Royals on Wednesday.

The third baseman came up clutch, extending the Mets' lead to 4-1 with a two-run single in the eighth inning of a 6-2 victory at Citi Field.

It was Baty's eighth game in a row with a hit, the best span of games for him this season, coming right from an awful June when he hit .147.

Entering Wednesday's game, he was slashing just .218/.296/.306 for the season.

Mets interim manager Andy Green credited the coaching staff for helping Baty get "more action to the pull side" for his hot streak.

He said adding doubles to the pole side while continuing to show power to the opposite field has made him more dangerous.

However, when asked about it, the 26-year-old disagreed with his coach, crediting better pregame work and just "trying to hit balls hard."

Baty said his power has been one of his best abilities his whole career, but he lost sight of that at the beginning of the season. He is currently in a home run drought dating back to May 18.

Baty also said clearing his head and not caring where the ball goes as long as it's a hit has helped him.

"He's allowing himself to swing and miss and not change who he is," Green said following the game. "I think baseball's the kind of game where you just have to take some bad swings sometimes and he's maintaining aggression.

"I really feel like he's letting it go at the plate and trusting himself. That's ultimately how you have to hit at this level, you can't hold anything back."

Baty's clutch hit and subsequent Mets win could be exactly what the team needs heading into the All-Star break and with the trade deadline right around the corner.

The third baseman said the win brings "good momentum" as the Mets have a chance to win the series against the Royals on Thursday.

Baty added that momentum has been building since getting Francisco Lindor and Juan Soto back in the lineup together.

"This whole season we've known what we can do on offense," Baty said. "It's just about going out there and doing it every single night."

That offensive power was finally on display in the eighth inning as the Mets put up five runs and five hits to break open what had been a 1-1 game.

Reliever Warren avoids serious injury

By COLLIN WARD and
MARK W. SANCHEZ

METS NOTES

It sounds as if the Mets and Austin Warren can begin to exhale.

Warren, who was placed on the 15-day injured list with a right forearm strain Wednesday afternoon, was sent for tests that were encouraging, according to interim manager Andy Green.

"Don't want to get into all the details," Green said after the 6-2 win over the Royals at Citi Field, "but do believe he'll be back on the mound in short order."

The development is helpful for the Mets, who watched Warren begin to establish himself as a major league reliever this season, and especially so for Warren, who earlier Wednesday said his level of concern was "definitely a 10."

He was worried about requiring another elbow surgery after undergoing one in 2023.

"I've had Tommy John before, obviously I don't want to have it again," Warren said. "I hope it's not serious, hopefully it's just some inflammation from throwing a lot lately."

Warren entered the game Tuesday against the Royals in the fifth inning and gave up four hits and five runs, while knowing something was awry, before being pulled.

The righty has been a rare bright spot for the Mets this season, sporting a 3.34 ERA in his first 25 games before a concerning 26th.

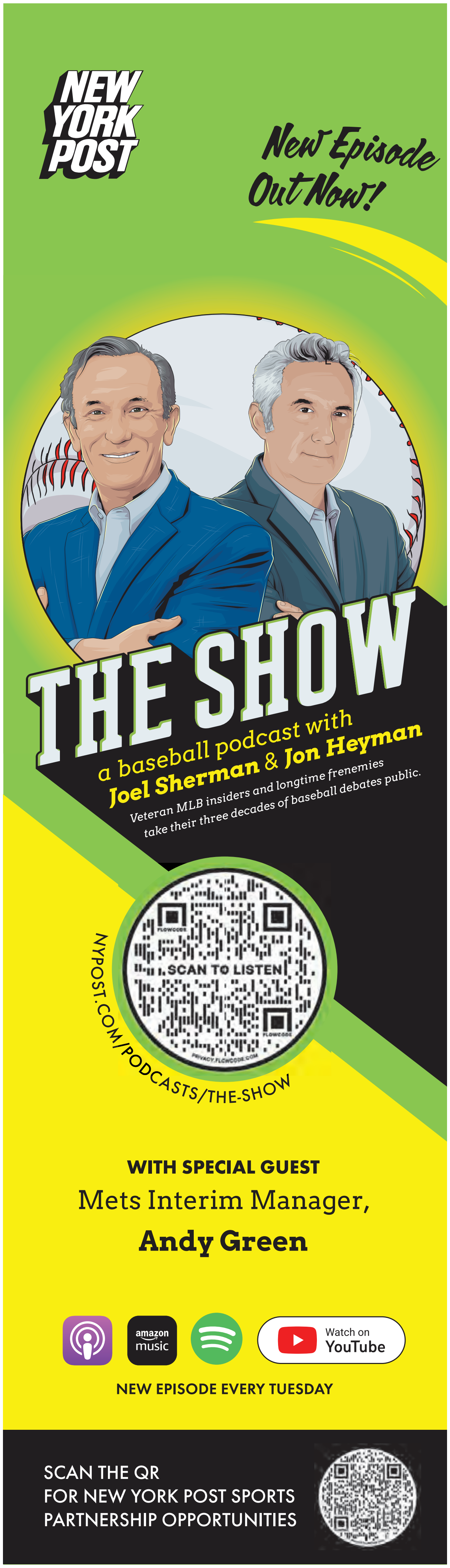
➤ To fill Warren's spot, the Mets recalled right-hander **Tobias Myers**, who allowed one run in two innings Wednesday, and **Xzavion Curry**, who made his club debut in a one-run ninth.

➤ The feel-good story of **Matt Seelinger**, at least as a Met, may have ended.

The journey of a Long Island kid who became the first player ever drafted out of Division III's Farmingdale State, spent nine years in the minors and was playing for the Long Island Ducks as recently as 2024 culminated with a game that was part dream, part nightmare and then over.

After debuting for his hometown Mets on Tuesday and allowing seven runs in two innings, Seelinger was designated for assignment Wednesday.

It is possible the 31-year-old righty clears waivers and joins the staff at Triple-A Syracuse, but it is probable that he will be remembered for his debut.



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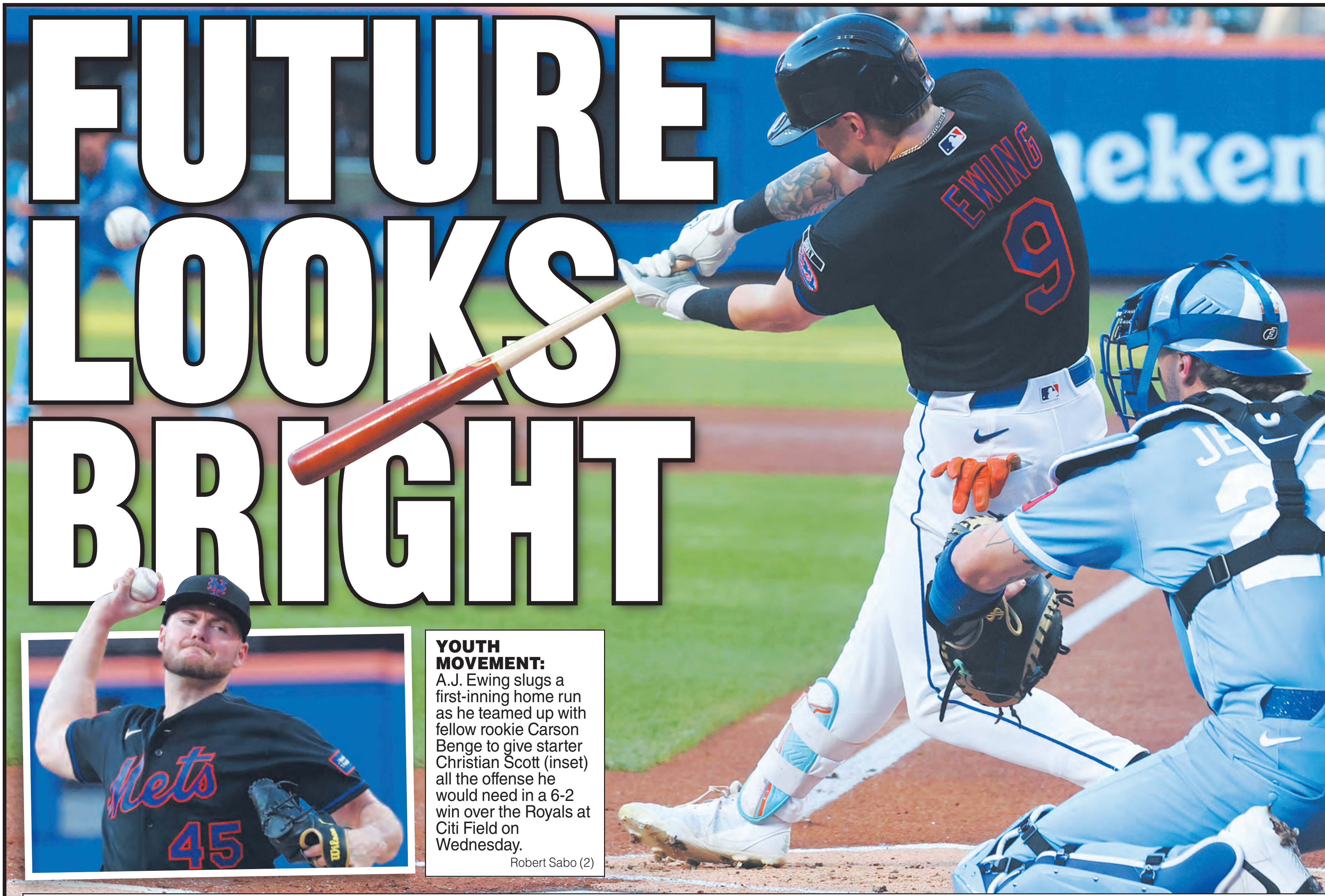

YOUTH MOVEMENT: A.J. Ewing slugs a first-inning home run as he teamed up with fellow rookie Carson Benge to give starter Christian Scott (inset) all the offense he would need in a 6-2 win over the Royals at Citi Field on Wednesday.

Robert Sabo (2)

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Youngsters Ewing, Benge & Scott spark Mets, showing lost season might not be all for naught

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A season in which the Mets are playing out the string before even the All-Star Game arrives belongs in the trash.

But in that garbage can, there are items that can be dusted off and preserved for a future that looks far less rancid than the present.

In A.J. Ewing, the Mets might have discovered their leadoff hitter and center fielder — a remarkably valuable combination — for the better part of the next decade.

In Carson Benge, the Mets are watching a promising rookie blossom into something greater, each at-bat stronger than the last.

And Ewing and Benge may spend years tracking down fly balls to help out Christian Scott, who has bounced back from surgery to look like a fixture in the Mets rotation.

The three youthful standouts stood out in Wednesday's 6-2 victory over the Royals, during which the Mets rode a five-run eighth — the run-scoring work all coming with two outs, courtesy of a bases-loaded drilling of Jared Young, a Brett Baty single, a wild pitch and a Francisco Alvarez single — to win just a second game at Citi Field in their past nine.

Ewing continued to look more than comfortable both against big league pitching and atop a lineup, stepping up as the Mets leadoff hitter in the first and redirecting a fastball 420 feet to center for the only run the Mets would score until the 11-batter eighth, in which Ewing helped the cause by serving a double to left-center.

During a breakout minor league campaign last year, Ewing totaled three home runs in 124 games. On Wednesday he homered for a second straight night and third time in four games.

"I'm super comfortable in the box right now," said the 21-year-old, who has launched seven in 53 games.

"There continues to be evolution in every aspect of his game," said interim manager Andy Green, who had previously watched that evolution in his role atop player development.

One of Ewing's partners on the grass is the 23-year-old Benge, who singled in the fourth and sixth to make it three straight games with multiple hits. At the end of April, the rookie owned a .525 OPS and was the subject of questions regarding whether he would be optioned. That OPS is now .737.

His most impressive plate appearance came in the eighth, when he extended the two-out rally by turning a 1-2 count into a 10-pitch walk.

Ewing's other partner on the grass is the signed-through-2039 Juan Soto.

It looks as if at least one aspect of the Mets is settled.

"It's a dynamic outfield with young kids playing alongside the best hitter in the game, and the young kids play the game the right way," Green said before the Mets (39-54) won a third game in their past four. "I think a lot of people, from the scouts that found them to the people that coach them, helped those guys take steps forward, and now they belong in the outfield. They know it."

Scott, meanwhile, might have been forgotten about last year, when the trio of Nolan McLean, Brandon Sproat and Jonah Tong teased that they might be the future of the rotation in Queens. McLean will be, Sproat is in Milwaukee and Tong in Triple-A Syracuse, while Scott, fully rehabbed from 2024 Tommy John surgery, has asserted once again that he belongs.

On Wednesday, the 27-year-old threw five shutout innings in which he let up just three hits and walked one while striking out five, slicing his ERA to 3.10 in 12 starts.

By just about any measure, Scott enjoyed a great night. Yet this great night was not enough for an

organization that sees a higher ceiling and longer nights of work in Scott's future.

"It's a great outing. You go five scoreless innings, right on 90 pitches," Green began, before adding the but: "He's better than that."

The righty needed 90 pitches to record 15 outs because of lapses such as the second inning, when he got two quick outs before falling behind Nick Loftin, 3-0, for an eventual walk. He fell behind the next batter, Isaac Collins 3-1 and allowed a hit.

In motivating one more piece for the future, Green said Scott must learn to "step on the neck of the other team." Scott heard him.

"There's always something to get better at," said Scott, who has not yet completed the sixth inning this season. "For me, it's going deeper in games."

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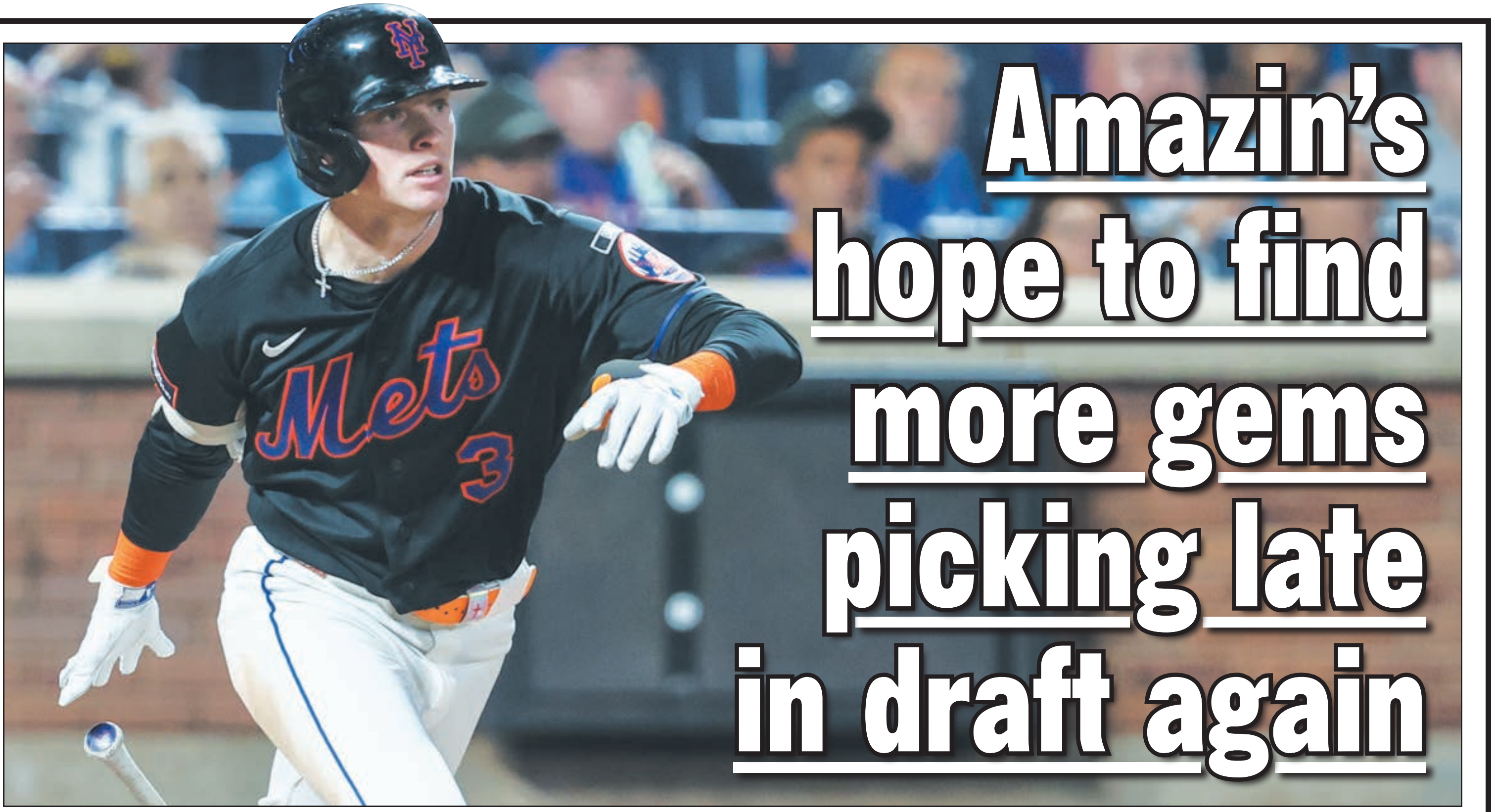

Amazin's hope to find more gems picking late in draft again

BARGAIN HUNTERS: Carson Benge, who watches one of his two hits Wednesday, has already made it to the majors with some success after being selected No. 19 in the 2024 draft, something the Mets will have to replicate as they get used to picking late in the first round. Robert Sabo

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

The task awaiting Kris Gross this weekend is not unfamiliar but is nonetheless daunting: continue to excel in bringing in young talent while operating at a disadvantage.

Gross, the Mets vice president of amateur and international scouting, will be leading a draft for a club that benefits in countless ways from Steve Cohen's wallet, but the team's payroll does backfire when trying to replenish the minor league system through the annual draft.

For a fourth straight year, the Mets draft haul will be hurt by their spending and their signing habits, their first-round pick docked 10 spots and stripped of two other selections.

The first Mets pick, which would have been 17th based upon the lottery results, instead will be 27th, to which Gross has grown accustomed.

"Obviously when you're picking [at No.] 5, you have a little more clarity. So as we pick 27, we'll just cast a wider net," Gross said during a Zoom call Wednesday ahead of the Saturday and Sunday draft in Philadelphia during the All-Star festivities. "And have multiple plans — Plan A, B, C and D in case certain players are there, numerous options to pivot to.

"So throughout the spring, though, we've sent out our scouts knowing that the crop is very deep this year, and we could have a wide range of outcomes."

A draft deep in talent would be an encouraging development for an organization selecting late. Gross did not believe this year's draft class had one overwhelming area, mentioning strong high school and college pitching depth, and college bats, and the talent is "pretty spread equally," he added.

Each of the past three years, the Mets have seen their first-round pick stumble because they had exceeded the second Competitive Balance Tax threshold, penalties that led to infielder Colin Houck with the No. 32 pick in 2023, outfielder Carson Benge at 19 in 2024 and infielder Mitch Voit at No. 38 last year.

Gross, who is in his third draft with the Mets after David Stearns had plucked him from the Astros, said he has learned "not to trust the mocks" and write off a player the club assumes will be selected earlier.

"There's been a few years where some guys have fell into our lap and we've been very excited about," said Gross, who delivered immediately with his first selection with the Mets.

Among 39 first-rounders in 2024, Benge is one of 12 who have debuted. The two-way star at Oklahoma State, whom the Mets converted solely into a hitter, shot through the system last year, won a spot on the Opening Day roster and fought through an adjustment period in April. Since the start of May, Benge entered Wednesday's game hitting .289 with an .805 OPS and playing excellent outfield defense, before going 2-for-3 with a run and a walk in a 6-2 win.

"It's very exciting," Gross said. "They don't always get there that quick."

Voit has shown promise, particularly with a strong June for High-A Brooklyn, while Houck has not yet hit his way out of Brooklyn.

Drafts are judged by more than a team's first selection, although the Mets' overall haul will be dented this year. Signing Bo Bichette, to whom the Blue Jays had issued a qualifying offer, cost them two picks: a second-rounder and their fifth-highest selection, which turned out to be the compensatory pick after the fourth round they had received when Edwin Díaz signed with the Dodgers.

It is probably too early to get a read on the 2025 draft class, but 2024 second-round pick Jonathan Santucci has shown promis,e and several later picks (third-rounder Nate Dohm and 19th-rounder Frank Elissalt) became helpful in upgrading the team at last year's trade deadline.

"First two drafts, very happy with the process that we've been able to establish here, leading us to those early selections as well as some of the later-round selections that have proved valuable, whether it be trades or making it to the big leagues in some shape or form," Gross said. "I think it's been a really good transition here."

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ON DECK: vs. Royals

Thursday, 1:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

LHP Sean Manaea

2026 stats:
1-4, 5.16 ERA

Career vs. KC:
2-3, 5.50 ERA

Last start:
Sat., at ATL
5.0 IP, 6 R, 3 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

35%	32%	20%
4-Seamer	Sweeper	Sinker

RHP Michael Wacha

2026 stats:
5-6, 3.45 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
5-4, 3.59 ERA

Last start:
Sat., vs. PHI
6.0 IP, 8 H, 4 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

27%	23%	16%
4-Seamer	Changeup	Cutter

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: vs. Red Sox, 7:15 p.m., Apple TV, WHSQ
RHP Nolan McLean vs. RHP Sonny Gray

SATURDAY: vs. Red Sox, 4:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Freddy Peralta vs. LHP Ranger Suárez

INJURY REPORT

- **Austin Warren** (right forearm soreness) was placed on the 15-day injured list. After an encouraging exam, Warren and the Mets hope he will be back within a few weeks.
- **Dedniel Núñez** (Tommy John surgery recovery), who had pitched in four games at lower levels, had his rehab assignment transferred to Triple-A Syracuse.

Volpe: Report he refused to play second was ‘BS’

By GREG JOYCE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mostly reserved and soft-spoken publicly in his three-plus seasons as a big leaguer, Anthony Volpe saved his most passionate defense for Wednesday, when he felt like his character had come under attack.

Following a report (since retracted) that the polarizing Yankees shortstop refused to play second base while he was at Triple-A earlier this season, Volpe called “BS” and insisted he has been willing to do whatever the team needed of him.

“It couldn’t be further from the truth,” Volpe said in front of his locker at Tropicana Field. “From my end, from my perspective, that’s been very clearly communicated to [manager Aaron Boone] and the team. I think it’s just kind of BS, honestly, because I’d hope my teammates in here — I’ve played with them for three-plus years — I hope they know my character and that I’d literally do anything to help the team win. Literally anything. So I think just the narrative and what it tries to say about me, I feel like I’m defending myself over something that literally didn’t happen.”

The 25-year-old Volpe, who underwent offseason shoulder surgery to repair a torn labrum, said the organization did not broach the subject of playing different positions with him until José Caballero was coming back from the injured list in late May.

That came after Volpe had spent all of his rehab process working at shortstop, including on his rehab assignment, after which the club decided to option him to Triple-A on May 4 because Caballero had been playing shortstop at a high level.

According to Volpe, he had checked in with the organization weekly during the offseason to ask what was expected of him at a time when all he could do was take ground balls, and the message was consistently to be ready to play shortstop. General manager Brian Cashman had reiterated that at Tampa Bay on April 10 — at which point Caballero had gotten off to a slow start — when he said that Volpe returning as the starting shortstop had “always been the plan.” Of course, Caballero’s play eventually changed that plan.

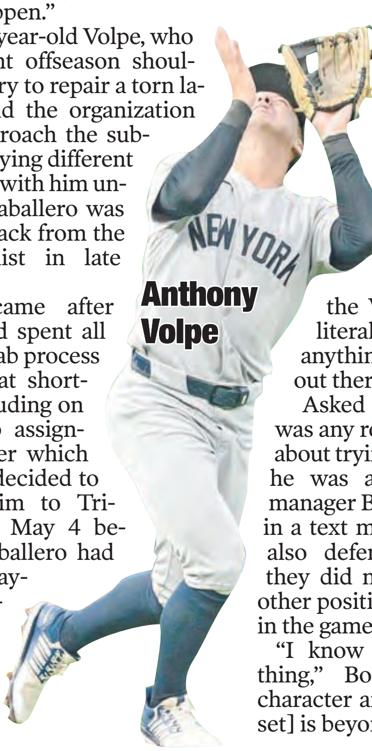
For the week he spent at Triple-A after being optioned, Volpe only played shortstop. It is possible that the organization would have started to mix in second base if he had stayed there longer, but then Caballero got injured and Volpe got called up to play shortstop in the big leagues.

“I mean, when I was getting optioned, I told Booney I’d play catcher, I’d do literally whatever the team needed,” he said. “And that’s the truth behind the story. That’s why the fact that what was said was said is catching me so off guard, because there was literally zero of that.

“Even after the new message [about introducing other positions] was received, I had no — I still have no problem. I want to be here and I want to help the team win the World Series. That’s literally all I want. So for anything opposite to be put out there is just confusing.”

Asked Wednesday if there was any resistance from Volpe about trying second base when he was at Triple-A, general manager Brian Cashman wrote in a text message, “No.” Boone also defended Volpe, saying they did not bring up playing other positions until “pretty late in the game.”

“I know he would do anything,” Boone said. “Volpe’s character and team-first [mindset] is beyond reproach.”


Anthony Volpe

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INJURY REPORT

- **Aaron Judge** (right rib stress fracture) is with the team at Tropicana Field for its series against the Rays, but still remains mostly shut down while awaiting reimaging at some point in the next few weeks.
- **Luis Gil** (right shoulder inflammation), on the IL at Triple-A, has started a throwing program but is still a ways away from game action.

ON DECK

at Rays

Thursday, 1:10 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

TBD

2026 stats:
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Career vs. TB:
—

Last start:
—

PITCH BREAKDOWN

–%	–%	–%

RHP Drew Rasmussen

2026 stats:
7-4, 2.78 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
4-1, 0.89 ERA

Last start:
Sat., at HOU; 5 IP, 6 H, 5 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

Cutter	4-seamer	Sinker
32%	27%	22%

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: at Nationals, 6:45 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. RHP Zack Littell

SATURDAY: at Nationals, 4:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. RHP Miles Mikolas

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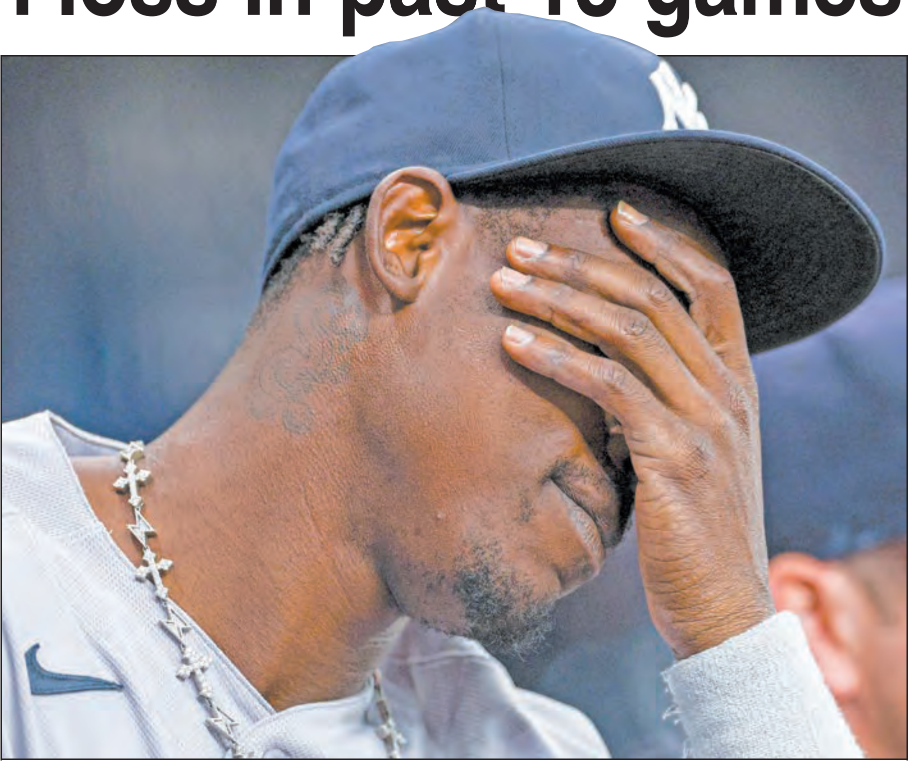
WHAT THE BLANK!?

Reeling Yankees shut out by Rays for their 11th loss in past 13 games

SWING & A MISS: Paul Goldschmidt and the Yankees lineup could not muster a run Wednesday at Tampa Bay, falling 3-0. It was the team's 11th loss in its past 13 games, something Jazz Chisholm Jr. (right) couldn't even watch.



By GREG JOYCE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — For the first time in three games, the Yankees did not strike out 17 times Wednesday night, so there was that.

Otherwise, their lineup remained abysmal as their deficit in the AL East grew larger.

The Yankees wasted a quality pitching effort from Gerrit Cole because the only thing they are doing consistently well of late is slumping together offensively, their latest collective dud resulting in a 3-0 loss to the Rays at Tropicana Field.

In a game in which their frustration began to boil over, with Aaron Boone and bench coach Brad Ausmus both getting ejected in the sixth inning, the Yankees (50-42) lost for the 11th time in their past 13 games while dropping to five games back of the Rays (54-36) for the division lead.

"Just looking at the outcomes, it's not where we want to be, and it's not good enough to compete for first place right now," Cole said.

After the Yankees had struck out 17 times in each of the first two games of this series, they whiffed just 11 times Wednesday, yet they still mustered just six hits (all singles, only three of which left the infield) as they were stifled by lefty Shane McClanahan and the Rays bullpen. They had just one hard-hit ball all night, coming on a Ben Rice groundout.

They will try to salvage a series split Thursday afternoon, but that will be a difficult task against Rays All-Star Drew Rasmussen, who has pitched the Yankees tough (including 13 shutout innings this season) even when they are not going through a death spiral.

"You can feel it," José Caballero said of the lineup's struggles. "Personally, I think it's us thinking about the bad stretch and taking it heavy on ourselves. I can speak for myself, I don't like knowing that the last seven to 10 games, I'm doing bad. You think about it too long and it doesn't get easier if you continue thinking about it. For me, we should just keep it simple and trust the room. We know how good we can be and we know how good we are."

During the first three games of this series, the Yankees have recorded 45 strikeouts and two walks. The Rays always pitch them tough, but this is taking that to another level of dominance.

RAYS	**3**
YANKEES	**0**

Boxscore
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The top four hitters in the Yankees lineup — Paul Goldschmidt, Ben Rice, Amed Rosario and Cody Bellinger — went a combined 2-for-16 on Wednesday. Goldschmidt is now in an 0-for-34 skid after striking out three more times, giving him 10 punchouts over his past three games before he likely sits Thursday. Bellinger went 0-for-4 and is now in an 8-for-70 (.114) slump.

"Obviously offensively now is a real struggle for us. I keep saying that," Boone said. "It's no secret. There's no magic pill. ... I do believe we'll get through this, but there's not much more to talk about. We got to go make some things happen."

Cole allowed three runs across 6 1/3 innings while throwing 97 pitches, his most since returning from Tommy John surgery. He was hurt by the top two hitters in the Rays lineup, on a night when Yandy Díaz had four hits and Jonathan Aranda drove in all three runs.

But even a shutout wouldn't have been enough.

The Yankees had a chance to take a lead in the second inning after back-to-back singles by Jasson Domínguez and Anthony Volpe with one out. But Max Schuemann came up next and dropped down a safety-squeeze bunt to the pitcher, but Domínguez got a late break from third and was easily thrown out at the plate. Austin Wells followed by popping out in foul territory, on the way to finishing the night batting .148.

McClanahan retired 10 straight batters into the sixth inning, when Caballero led off with a bunt single. But he was soon erased on a strike-'em-out, throw-'em-out double play with Goldschmidt providing the whiff. The Yankees tried to challenge the play at second, but did so too late, which resulted in Boone and Ausmus getting tossed by home plate umpire Doug Eddings.

"I feel like sometimes you get beat up a little bit, you can have that defeated feeling," Boone said. "We got to avoid that. This game waits for no one. It's hard as can be. We got to get over ourselves in that."

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

While there may not be enough thriller in the plot of **"Human Vapor"** (Netflix) to cover an eight-episode season, the backstory of the main characters should make up the shortfall.
OUR CALL: STREAM IT

Netflix

WHAT TO WATCH

HBO's new documentary, **"Bang My Box: The Robin Byrd Story"** not only charts her career, but follows her today, caring for her long-time spouse during his battle with dementia and debating how to best secure her legacy. **Robin Byrd** (left) was an adult film star and artist who carved a fascinating niche for herself in the '70s and '80s on NYC cable television. Her weekly late night show, **"The Robin Byrd Show,"** was a joyous celebration of sex, nudity, avant garde art, and the LGBTQ underground.

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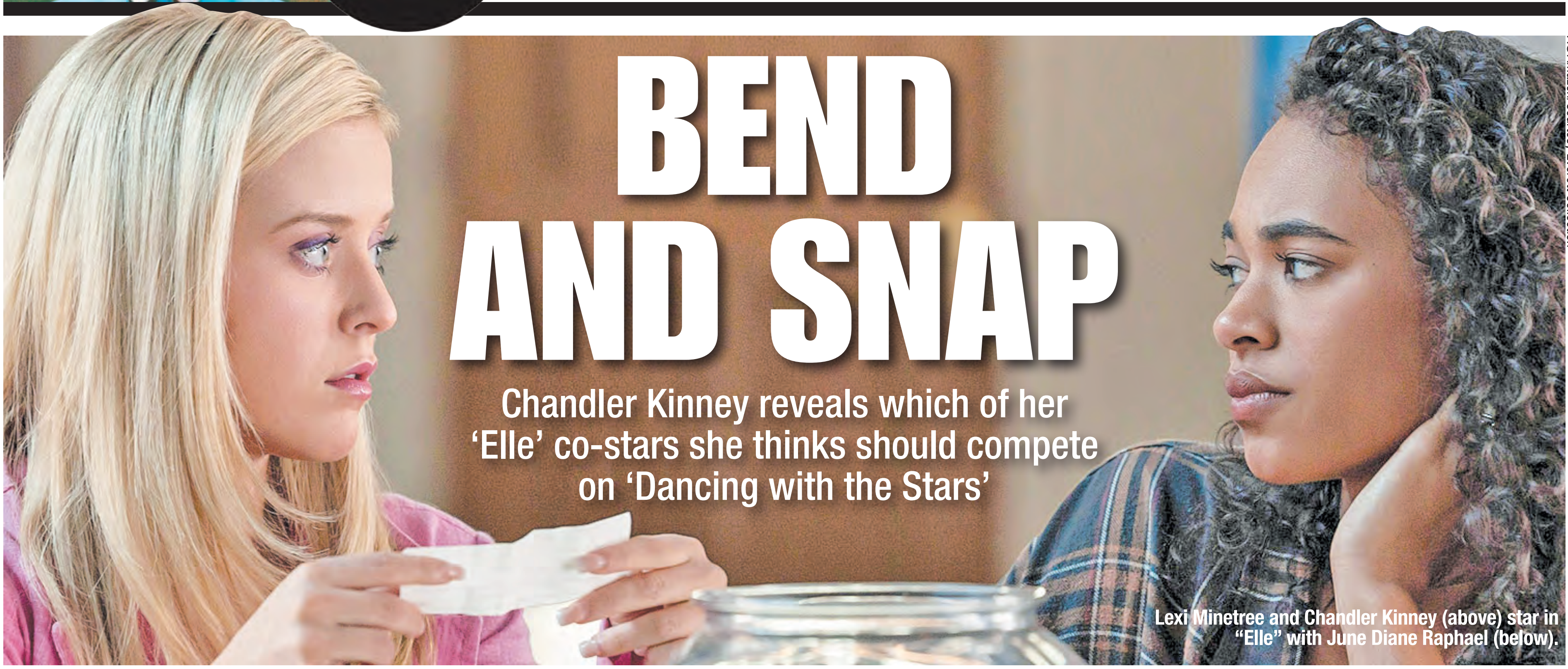
BEND AND SNAP

Chandler Kinney reveals which of her 'Elle' co-stars she thinks should compete on 'Dancing with the Stars'



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Lexi Minetree and Chandler Kinney (above) star in "Elle" with June Diane Raphael (below).

By HOPE SLOOP

'**Dancing With the Stars"** alum Chandler Kinney knows exactly which one of her **"Elle"** co-stars should hit the dance floor after her, and it's June Diane Raphael.

Chatting with DECIDER about her new Prime Video series, which also stars Lexi Minetree as the titular pampered LA native long before her time at Harvard Law School, Kinney — who plays Elle's high school nemesis, Kimberly — says that she has seen enough to say that the **"Grace and Frankie"** alum is the perfect person to tackle the ballroom in the competition series.

"June would be amazing. I think June is next in line. I'm gonna put up June for the task, her work ethic is insane," Kinney, who finished in third place alongside partner Brandon Armstrong back in Season 33, tells DECIDER. "I think she would be a menace out on that dance floor."

In the **"Legally Blonde"** prequel series, Raphael plays Eva Woods, the dedicated and distinguished mother of the show's protagonist, who often needs a helping hand to navigate the perils of high school. It sounds like Raphael is just as much of a motherly figure to the young cast members in the show off-screen, offering advice, guidance, and quips whenever they might be needed.

"I have learned so much from this woman. She is truly such an inspiration to all of us," Kinney adds of the actress and comedian, saying she's also seen her dance moves before, and the potential for her to become a Mirrorball Trophy contender is certainly there. "I've seen her out [on a dance floor], I've had the privilege, and that girl can move. She can bust a move. I think that she would be incredible on the show. Let's make that happen."

According to Gabrielle Policano, who plays Liz in "Elle," not only can Raphael bust a move on the dance floor, but she can also crack a joke that will leave the whole cast and crew in tears. It's that improv upbringing that makes her the perfect person to teach other actors a thing or two about making a scene or a moment as funny as it can possibly be.

"June will do this thing a lot where she does a lot of [improv lines], they come to her so fast it's almost scary," Policano says. "She'll do one of them and be like, 'Give me one more,' and she'll just come out with the next thing, and that will happen like five times in a row. And we're always [watching] like, 'Each one was better than the last.'"

Kinney adds, "She will just go to a place and she'll just say, 'Can I have another?' And then she'll deliver a zinger and it's a master class."

Perhaps she can be as quick on her feet, literally speaking, as she is metaphorically. As for whether or not Raphael would sign up to do the intense two-month TV series, the jury is still out, but half the battle is knowing that you have people in your corner, right?

Come on ABC, pick up the phone and give her a call! And in the meantime, check out "Elle" Season 1, which is now streaming on Prime Video.

NBC

TRENDING NOW

Olivia Benson is on the case... at the **"78th Emmy Awards."** **Mariska Hargitay** (left), best known for her Emmy-winning role on **"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit,"** will host this year's Emmys live from the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles. The awards show is set to air on Monday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. ET on NBC, with streaming available on Peacock.

WHAT'S NEW

ON CBS

"**Big Brother**," Season 28 of the reality competition series (left).

ON PEACOCK

"**The Five Star Weekend**," a series adaptation of Elin Hilderbrand's 2023 novel.

Best Bets

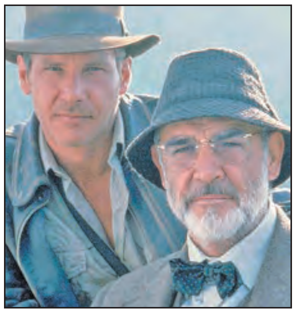
What's on Tonight

ACTION

Kong: Skull Island: 3 p.m. on TNT. Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson. A team of scientists venture into the domain of the mighty Kong and must fight to escape.

THRILLER

I, Robot: 6 p.m. on SYFY. Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. In 2035, a technophobic cop investigates a crime that may have been perpetrated by a robot.



ADVENTURE

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade: 11:16 p.m. on PARMT. Harrison Ford, Sean Connery. Dr. Jones finds himself up in a mess while pursuing the Holy Grail.

Thursday July 9, 2026

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies 🟥 Sports 🟩 New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Big Brother			Ghosts: Woodstone	Matlock: Harm Reduction (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics (R)
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Surviving Earth: When the Forests Collapsed		The Americas: Patagonia Fun Fact Edition		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Corrosive (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	The 6 O'Clock News	Extra	TMZ	The 1% Club: The Boobie Queen (R)		Best Medicine: Hello Darkness, My Port Wenn (R)		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Family Feud: AFC Champions vs NFC		(9:01) Press Your Luck: Pigskin Classic		The Greatest Average American: Beefcakes! (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Dateline: The Room Downstairs (R)		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Dateline: The End of the Affair (R)	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: The Deal	The Big Bang Theory	Trivial Pursuit: Take That, Coach K! (R)		Trivial Pursuit: Easy Rider (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: Millennium
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC World News	The PBS News Hour		My Music Presents: 60s and 70s Soul Celebration: Legends of 1960s and 1970s soul music perform their biggest hits.						Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Nature: Niagara Falls (R)		NOVA: Black Hole (R)		The American Southwest		Safe Harbors:		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Laura	Great Conversations		Food.	Potluck	Roots	Feet	Hospitality and Politics		My World	LBJ Library
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) FBI	FBI: Family Man		FBI: Cops and Robbers		FBI: This Land Is		FBI: Compromised		FBI: The Armorer's Faith	
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55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)		The First 48: The Price of		The First 48 (R)		(10:01) The First 48 (R)		(11:04) The First 48 (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	Hills (1984)	Beverly Hills Cop II (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. R				TNA iMPACT!				Happy Gilmore (1996) ★★★	
BBCAM	71	101	189	A League of Their Own (1992, Comedy) Tom Hanks. PG ★★★						The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy) Meryl Streep. PG-13 ★★★				
BET	37	54	270	(6:40) Family Feud		(7:50) Celebrity Family Feud			Breakin' All the Rules (2004, Comedy) Jamie Foxx. PG-13 ★★½					Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	Housewives	Real Housewives (R)		Real Housewives of Orange County			Housewives of Orange: Old Friends (R)			In The City: In Crossfire	
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Salesman		The Office	The Office	Daily Show	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	Chasers (R)	Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm: Spin City		Eye of Storm (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Wish (2023, Family) Ariana DeBose. PG			Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	(5:30) The Mask (1994)		Men in Black: International (2019) Chris Hemsworth. PG-13 ★★½					The Mask (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. PG-13 ★★★			
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	NBA Summer League Live.				NBA Summer League Live.				NBA Summer Live.	
ESPN2	29	35	74	College	MLB Big Inning					College	ESPN FC		SportsCenter	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares	
FREE	38	49	199	Sweet Home	The Proposal (2009, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. PG-13 ★★★					Project Runway: 22 for Season 22			The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	Harvick	ML Pickleball Live.				2026 FIFA World Cup: Morocco at France. Taped.				Travis	TMZ Sports
FX	10	40	53	(6:00) Marvel's The Avengers (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr. ★★★½					The Bear	(9:50) Deadpool (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. R				
HALL		191	240	Christmas Waltz (2020) Lacey Chabert.			Time for Us to Come Home for Christmas (2020)				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	Secrets (R)	Secrets Declassified (R)		Secrets Declassified (R)		Secrets Declassified		Ancient Aliens: Alien A.I.		(11:05) Ancient Aliens (R)	
ID	23	171	123	People	People Magazine		Fear Thy Neighbor		Dead Influence		Lethally Blonde		The Playboy Murders	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Head Case		NCIS: Family Secret		NCIS: Ravenous		(10:03) NCIS: Bait		(11:03) NCIS: Iced	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	Kickboxing	INTENNSE Tennis: Sting vs Rise Live.				NY Rangers	Odds	NHL Hockey Replay.			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	High Stake	NY Isla.	NJ Devils	Fairways of Life		NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at New York Islanders.				NHL Hockey Replay.	
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Ridiculous	Jersey Shore: Family (R)		Jersey Shore: Family		Jersey Shore: Family (R)		Friday (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube. R ★★★			
NATGEO	65	162	121	Sharkcano	Return of White (R)		Shark Below Zero (R)		Shark	Shark	Shark	Shark	When Sharks (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	The Boss Baby: Family Business (2021) PG ★★½				Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	Family	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The Hurricane (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. R ★★★½					
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981, Adventure) ★★★½				(8:35) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984, Adventure)					Indiana Jones Crusade	
SNY	26	60	77	Minor League Baseball: Wilmington Blue Rocks at Brooklyn Cyclones. Live.						Mets Yearbook: 2017		Yearbook	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:00) I, Robot (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith. ★★★				Man on Fire (2004, Action) Denzel Washington. R ★★★½						
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Foul Play	Foul Play
TCM	82	41	230	Hot Summer Night (1957) NR ★★½			Sleepless in Seattle (1993, Romance) Tom Hanks. PG				Philadelphia (1993, Drama) Tom Hanks. PG-13 ★★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	(6:00) Little	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: The Last Resort		Little Singles		Jay & Pamela		Baylen Out Loud (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(5:30) The Legend of Tarzan (2016) ★★★			Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015, Action) Colin Firth. R ★★★½					(10:45) Kong: Skull Island (2017) ★★★		
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Raymond: Golf		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt. PG-13 ★★★						Jurassic World: Fallen	
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Mad Money (2008, Comedy) Diane Keaton. PG-13 ★★½					Takers (2010, Action) Matt Dillon. ★★½		
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Dead Man Talking		NCIS: Missing		NCIS: Split Decision		NCIS: A Weak Link		NCIS: Reveille	
YES	53	89	76	Minor League Baseball Live.					Yankees	Sportico	MLB Baseball Replay.			
HBO	511	301	400	(6:45) The Equalizer (2014, Action) Denzel Washington. R ★★★					The Man Will Burn		The Man Will Burn (R)		House of the Dragon (R)	
MAX	531	371	420	(6:01) Wedding Crashers (2005) R ★★★			Just Friends (2005) Ryan Reynolds. ★★½			The Usual Suspects (1995, Crime) Stephen Baldwin.				My Soul ★★
MGM Plus	595		395	Sin City (2005, Crime) Jessica Alba. R			The Silence of the Lambs (1991) Jodie Foster. R ★★★★				Hannibal (2001, Thriller) Anthony Hopkins. R ★★★			
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:40) Last Vegas (2013, Comedy) Michael Douglas.				(8:25) Good Boys (2019, Comedy) R			The Chi: Ice Box		Daddy's Home (2015) ★★★	

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SHORT FUSE!

● Boone loses it as Bombers bats stifled again

● Volpe calls BS on report he wouldn't work at 2B

Anthony Volpe, who before the game defended himself against a since-retracted report that he was unwilling to work at second base, strikes out during the Yankees' 3-0 loss to the Rays. Aaron Boone (inset) was not around to see the last of the Yanks' 11 K's as he was tossed in the sixth. **PAGES 52-53**

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